



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Limestone, Alabama

Number of farms

1,235 farms in 2002, 1,359 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

225,843 acres in 2002, 270,026 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

Average size of farm

183 acres in 2002, 199 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$52,287,000 in 2002, \$55,142,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$30,124,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$22,163,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

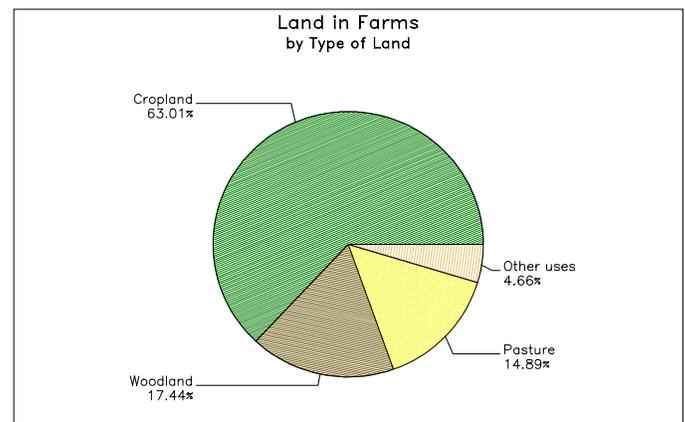
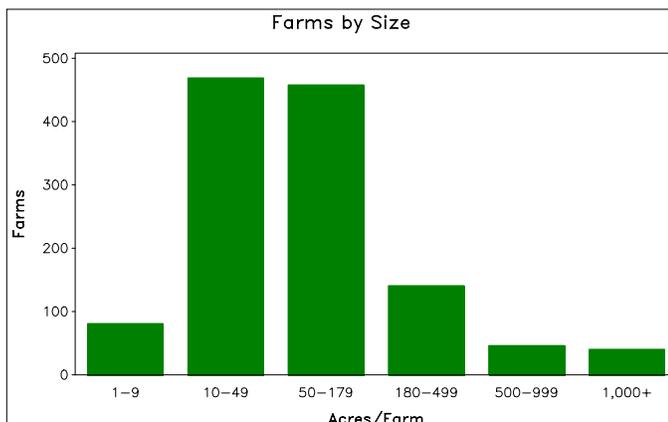
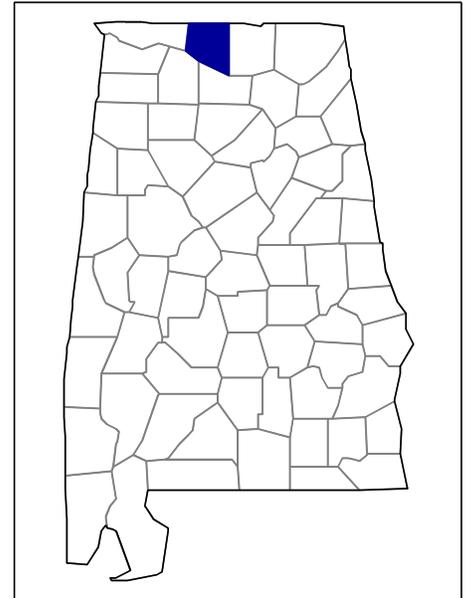
\$42,338 in 2002, \$40,576 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,919,000 in 2002, \$2,571,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,711 in 2002, \$5,601 in 1997, up 20 percent.



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Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	52,287	21	67	1,105	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,124	3	67	856	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	22,163	31	67	1,219	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,893	4	66	1,333	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	17,532	1	56	55	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	229	23	66	1,312	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	755	5	67	421	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,364	9	62	343	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	350	44	67	2,182	3,046
Poultry and eggs	15,242	31	66	355	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,773	21	67	1,410	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	68	27	66	1,595	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	51	10	66	1,254	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	564	6	67	320	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	62	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,129,239	30	65	267	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	134,314	20	67	343	2,983
Cattle and calves	27,858	15	67	1,123	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,177	7	67	409	3,065
All Goats	1,600	6	67	255	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	62,972	1	57	53	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,180	11	67	1,139	3,059
Soybeans	16,205	3	54	908	2,076
All Wheat for grain	6,095	2	58	840	2,517
Corn for grain	5,409	10	67	1,246	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	377
\$1,000 to \$2,499	197
\$2,500 to \$4,999	180
\$5,000 to \$9,999	179
\$10,000 to \$19,999	104
\$20,000 to \$24,999	39
\$25,000 to \$39,999	33
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22
\$100,000 to \$249,999	38
\$250,000 to \$499,999	23
\$500,000 or more	32
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	47,948
Average per farm (\$)	38,793
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	17,278
Average per farm (\$)	13,979

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	670
Other	565
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,118
Female	117
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,612
Black or African American	38
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	20
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.