



Fact Sheet on
Alabama Agriculture
1980 - 2007



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State Highlights for 2006-2007:

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- ✗ Total farm and forestry receipts were over \$5.29 billion for the year.
- ✗ Cash receipts from farm commodities totaled \$3.74 billion, versus \$4.17 billion the previous year.
- ✗ The top five farm commodities for cash receipts were: (1) poultry, (2) cattle and calves, (3) greenhouse, sod, and nursery products, (4) cotton and (5) catfish. Together they make up 91 percent of the total commodity receipts.
- ✗ Livestock and poultry accounted for 81% of the cash receipts and crops the other 19%.
- ✗ Poultry made up 65 percent of the total cash receipts for all commodities (excluding forestry).
- ✗ Alabama ranked 3rd in broiler production with marketings of 1.05 billion birds.
- ✗ Greenhouse, sod, and nursery receipts totaled \$290.6 million ranking Alabama 16th in the nation.
- ✗ Laying flocks produced 2.00 billion eggs to rank 14th in egg production.
- ✗ Cattle inventory on January 1, 2007 was 1.32 million head and the state ranked 26th nationally.
- ✗ Catfish sales amounted to \$99.0 million. Alabama ranked second behind Mississippi in sales.
- ✗ Principal acreages for crops were: cotton (575,000), corn (200,000), peanuts (165,000), soybeans (160,000), and wheat (100,000).
- ✗ Alabama ranked 3rd in peanuts and 10th in cotton production.
- ✗ The state was 7th in pecan production and 15th in peach.
- ✗ Alabama ranked 2nd in commercial forest land, with 22.6 million acres.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms

Year	All Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size of Farm
	Number	Thousand acres	Acres
1985	52,000	11,200	215
1990	47,000	10,100	215
1995	49,000	10,000	204
2000	47,000	9,000	191
2005	43,500	8,600	198
2006	43,000	8,600	200

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would be sold during the year. Farm numbers were revised for the years 1993 through 1998 based on the 1997 Census of Agriculture. These revisions reflect a higher count of farms with gross sales less than \$10,000.