



ALABAMA FARM FACTS

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Value of Alabama's Crops

Principal crops (excluding greenhouse, sod, and nursery) grown in Alabama during 2007 were valued at \$480.4 million, up 8 percent from 2006. Field crops, at \$446.8 million accounted for 93 percent of the total. Fruits, pecans, and fresh market vegetables made up the remaining 7 percent with a value of \$33.7 million.



- ❶ The 2007 peanut crop, at \$.18 cents a pound, was valued at \$73.5 million.
- ❷ Value of Cotton lint, at \$.497 cents a pound, was \$95.4 million.
(Cottonseed from the 2007 crop added another \$18.1 million).
- ❸ Hay produced on Alabama farms was worth \$100.6 million at \$74 per ton.
- ❹ At \$3.90 per bushel, corn harvested for grain was valued at \$86.3 million.
- ❺ The state's soybean crop, at \$10.50 a bushel, had a value of \$39.7 million.
- ❻ Wheat was valued at \$17.7 million, priced at \$5.15 per bushel.

Annual Honey Production

The Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service contacted approximately 300 Alabama beekeepers for the February 1 Bee and Honey Survey. Results show honey production in 2007 totaled 616 thousand pounds, down 22 percent from the year before. There were 11,000 colonies producing honey, unchanged from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 56 lbs., compared with 72 lbs. in 2006.

	Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Total Production	Price Per Lb	Value of Production
Alabama	Thousand	Pounds	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
2006	11	72	792	133	1,053
2007	11	56	616	141	869
U. S.	Thousand	Pounds	Thousand Pounds	Cents	Thousand Dollars
2006	2,393	65	154,907	104	160,484
2007	2,442	61	148,482	103	153,233

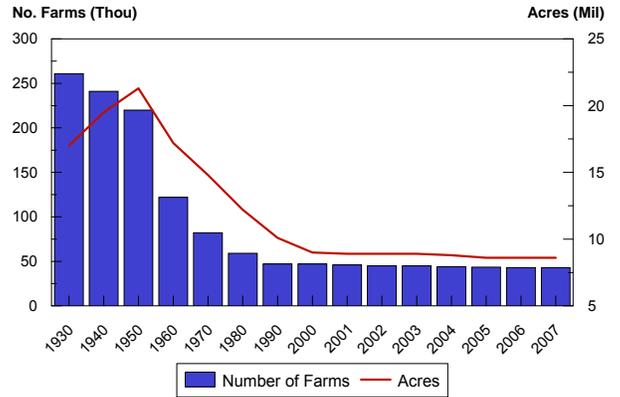
Honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op, and private channels.

Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in Alabama is estimated at 43,000 farms, unchanged from previous year. Land in farms is estimated at 8.6 million acres. There were 29,000 operations with annual gross sales less than \$10,000, unchanged from 2006. The average size farm in Alabama was 200 acres.

The number of farms in the United States in 2007 is estimated at 2.08 million, down slightly from 2006. Total land in farms, at 930.9 million acres, decreased 1,510 thousand acres from 2006. The average farm size was 449 acres during 2007, an increase of three acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

Alabama Farms



Farms and Land in Farms, 2007

Economic Class (Value of Sales)	Alabama			United States		
	Number	1,000 Acres	Avg Size - Ac	Number	1,000 Acres	Avg Size - Ac
\$1,000 - 9,999	29,000	2,950	102	1,135,320	112,840	99
\$10,000 - 99,999	9,200	2,950	321	594,230	255,505	430
\$100,000+	4,800	2,700	563	345,960	562,575	1,627
All Farms	43,000	8,600	200	2,075,510	930,920	449

