

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Lauderdale, Alabama

Number of farms

1,485 farms in 2002, 1,663 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

208,041 acres in 2002, 233,333 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

140 acres in 2002, 140 acres in 1997, unchanged.

Market Value of Production

\$28,130,000 in 2002, \$30,787,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,419,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,712,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

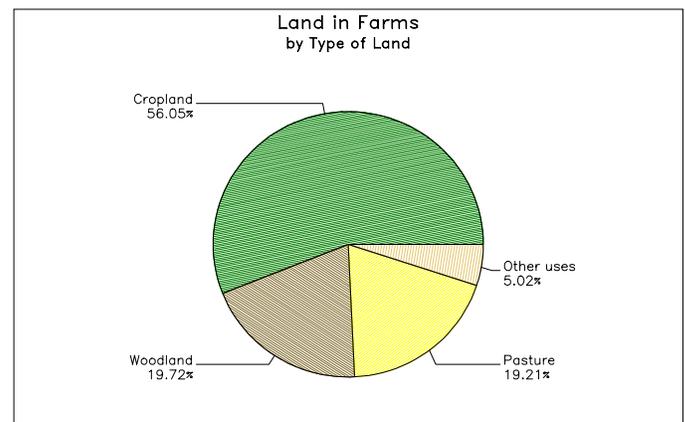
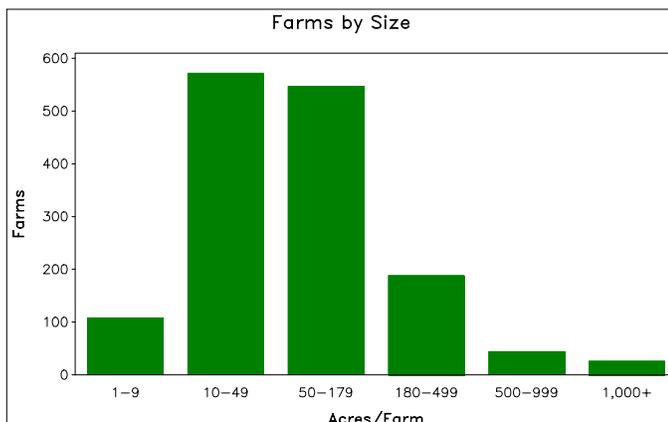
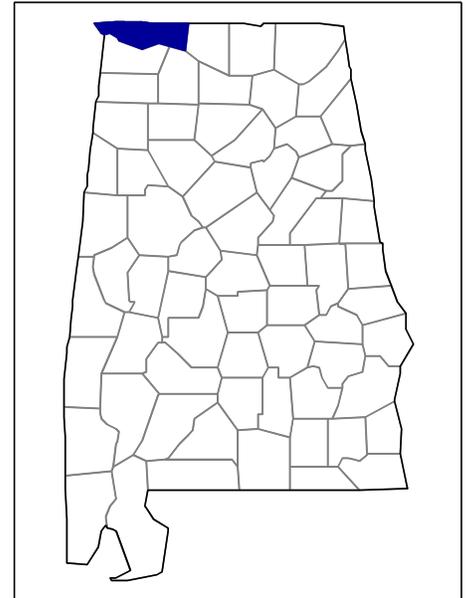
\$18,943 in 2002, \$18,513 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,193,000 in 2002, \$1,840,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,538 in 2002, \$5,097 in 1997, up 9 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	28,130	38	67	1,771	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,419	15	67	1,562	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,712	37	67	1,452	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,714	8	66	1,460	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	7,192	4	56	131	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	131	35	66	1,569	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	44	50	67	1,647	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	737	33	62	1,235	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	601	21	67	1,734	3,046
Poultry and eggs	8,706	35	66	493	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,037	14	67	1,249	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	292	35	54	1,868	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7	44	66	2,444	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	130	1	66	652	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	509	8	67	382	3,014
Aquaculture	16	34	62	891	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	15	27	60	1,653	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	551,714	38	65	366	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	130,202	21	67	346	2,983
Cattle and calves	34,065	11	67	936	3,059
All Goats	3,163	1	67	100	2,971
Horses and ponies	2,145	8	67	419	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29,396	3	67	742	3,059
All Cotton	26,921	5	57	134	663
Soybeans	9,922	6	54	1,038	2,076
Corn for grain	7,202	5	67	1,147	2,592
All Wheat for grain	3,032	5	58	1,121	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	426	Farming	705
\$1,000 to \$2,499	265	Other	780
\$2,500 to \$4,999	266		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	225	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	144	Male	1,363
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	122
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	White	1,970
\$500,000 or more	8	Black or African American	25
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,210	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
Average per farm (\$)	18,262	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,732	More than one race	26
Average per farm (\$)	1,162	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.