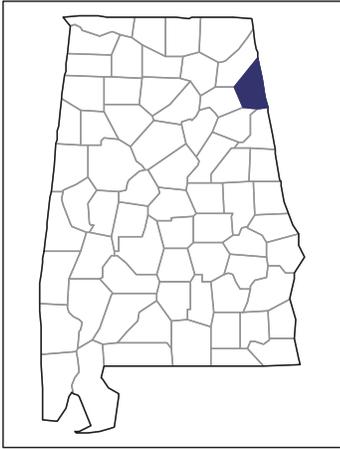


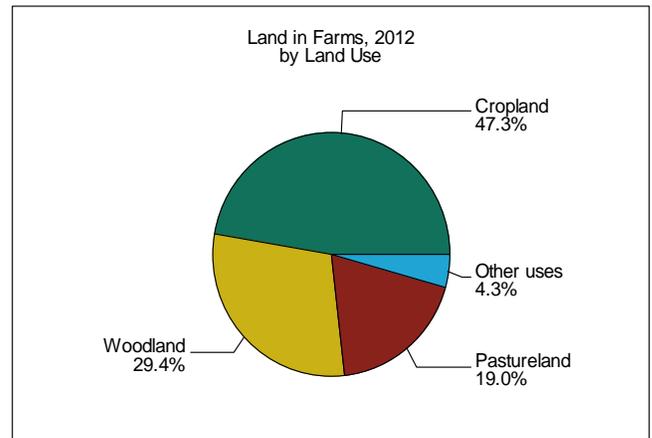
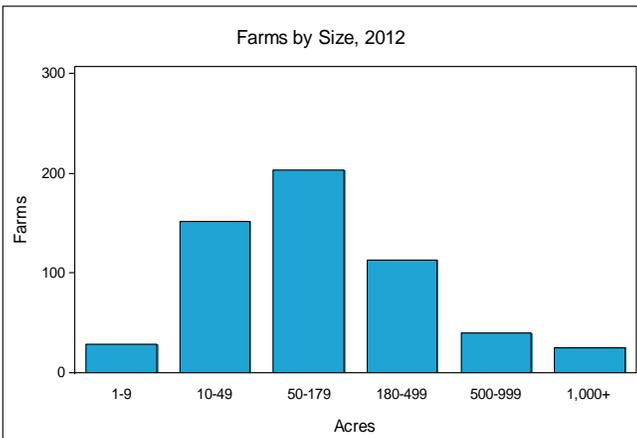
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Cherokee County Alabama

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	561	654	- 14
Land in Farms	124,241 acres	132,918 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	221 acres	203 acres	+ 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$120,005,000	\$60,001,000	+ 100
Crop Sales \$36,030,000 (30 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$83,975,000 (70 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$213,913	\$91,744	+ 133
Government Payments	\$1,985,000	\$2,838,000	- 30
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,274	\$9,719	- 5





Cherokee County – Alabama

Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	120,005	13	67	988	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	36,030	13	67	1,363	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	83,975	19	67	569	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	12,464	9	67	1,426	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	18,733	1	51	94	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	64	67	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6	64	66	2,479	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,252	12	62	489	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	61	67	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	78,780	18	67	156	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	38	67	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	24	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	55	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	67	27	67	1,705	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	39	56	67	2,410	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	46	49	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	45	28	64	1,474	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cotton, all	23,417	5	51	121	635
Upland cotton	23,417	5	51	118	635
Soybeans for beans	13,191	8	65	1,047	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,465	47	67	1,789	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	6,023	9	60	903	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,701,809	19	67	133	2,723
Layers	(D)	6	67	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	13,316	36	67	1,705	3,063
Quail	(D)	14	40	(D)	944
Roosters	(D)	29	61	(D)	2,120

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	175	Farming	256
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55	Other	305
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	51	Male	514
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	47
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$500,000 or more	56	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	98,664	Black or African American	2
Average per farm (\$)	175,871	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	815
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,620	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	43,886	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.