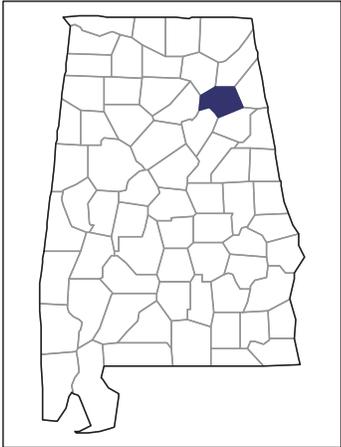


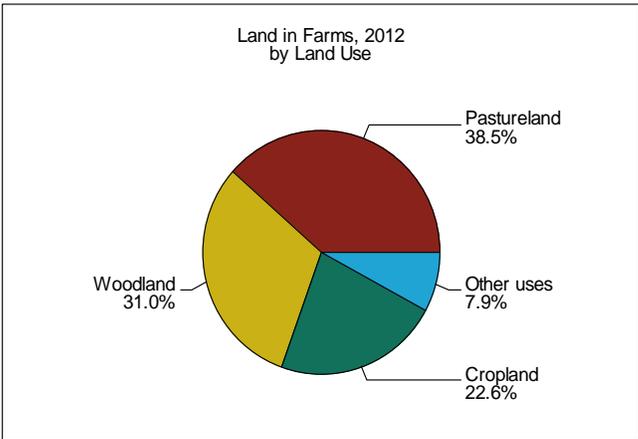
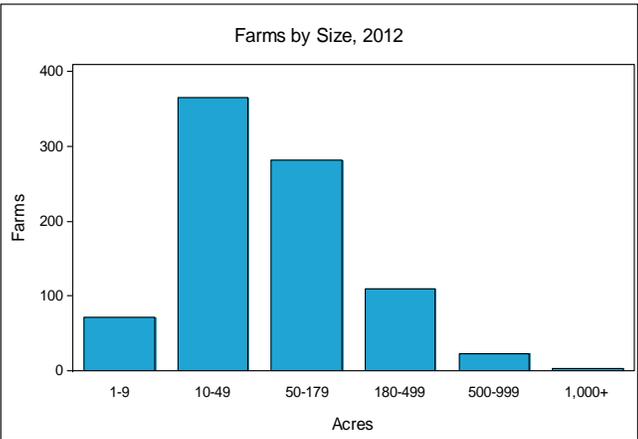
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Etowah County Alabama

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	853	1,004	- 15
<b>Land in Farms</b>	86,137 acres	94,201 acres	- 9
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	101 acres	94 acres	+ 7
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$83,731,000	\$66,157,000	+ 27
Crop Sales \$5,404,000 (6 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$78,327,000 (94 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$98,160	\$65,894	+ 49
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$450,000	\$518,000	- 13
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$4,460	\$4,625	- 4





## Etowah County – Alabama

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	83,731	27	67	1,330	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,404	45	67	2,388	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	78,327	23	67	613	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,798	43	67	2,086	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	1,708	31	51	385	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	726	13	67	956	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	85	42	66	1,512	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	321	42	62	1,572	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	765	50	67	2,130	3,049
Poultry and eggs	72,411	22	67	176	3,013
Cattle and calves	4,742	34	67	1,855	3,056
Milk from cows	801	11	24	1,340	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	59	29	67	1,792	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	257	16	67	1,032	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,928	29	67	1,541	3,057
Cotton, all	2,145	33	51	406	635
Upland cotton	2,145	33	51	406	635
Corn for grain	1,866	33	67	1,741	2,638
Soybeans for beans	1,807	34	65	1,563	2,162
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,052,093	17	67	119	2,723
Layers	141,709	18	67	315	3,040
Cattle and calves	18,952	28	67	1,393	3,063
Roosters	16,826	17	61	131	2,120
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	23	63	(D)	2,637

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	264	Farming	344
\$1,000 to \$2,499	95	Other	509
\$2,500 to \$4,999	125	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	132	Male	754
\$10,000 to \$19,999	73	Female	99
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	34	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	56	White	1,291
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	75,329	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	88,311	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,149		
Average per farm (\$)	11,898		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.