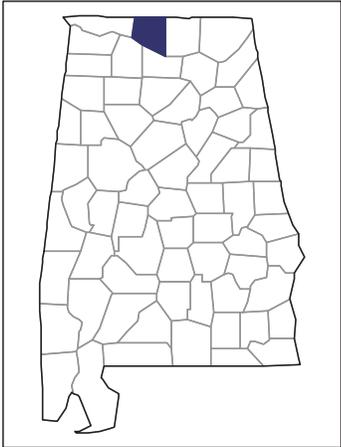


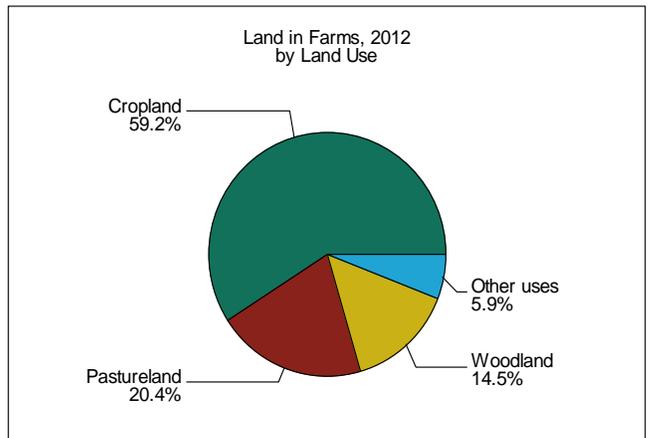
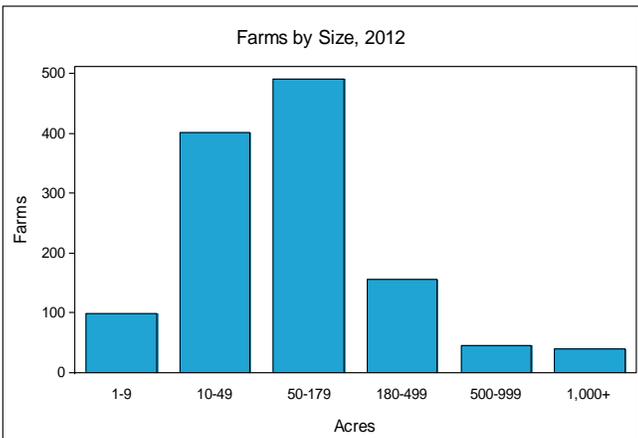
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Limestone County Alabama

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,230	1,352	- 9
<b>Land in Farms</b>	246,697 acres	237,188 acres	+ 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	201 acres	175 acres	+ 15
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$132,733,000	\$70,790,000	+ 88
Crop Sales \$85,219,000 (64 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$47,515,000 (36 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$107,913	\$52,359	+ 106
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,605,000	\$7,749,000	- 53
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,483	\$14,960	- 43





## Limestone 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	132,733	10	67	895	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	85,219	2	67	761	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	47,515	30	67	932	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	61,294	1	67	717	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	12,859	7	51	139	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	237	33	67	1,430	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	360	17	66	827	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	8,224	6	62	302	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,244	26	67	1,238	3,049
Poultry and eggs	37,987	28	67	292	3,013
Cattle and calves	8,718	18	67	1,411	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	24	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	211	10	55	1,077	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	290	3	67	585	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	205	20	67	1,228	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	9	64	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	57,537	1	65	540	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	32,977	1	60	343	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	32,977	1	60	255	2,480
Corn for grain	27,841	3	67	838	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,586	7	67	854	3,057
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,946,112	28	67	215	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	353,077	6	63	82	2,637
Layers	72,457	27	67	431	3,040
Cattle and calves	26,843	14	67	1,064	3,063
Roosters	8,494	26	61	215	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	342	Farming	573
\$1,000 to \$2,499	131	Other	657
\$2,500 to \$4,999	121	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	189	Male	1,086
\$10,000 to \$19,999	124	Female	144
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	83	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	American Indian or Alaska Native	17
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	25	Black or African American	64
\$250,000 to \$499,999	47	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	59	White	1,767
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	103,734	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	84,337	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	20
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	37,255		
Average per farm (\$)	30,289		

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.