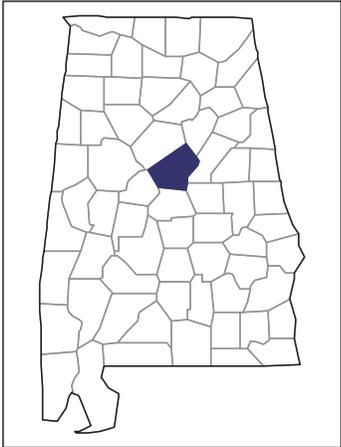


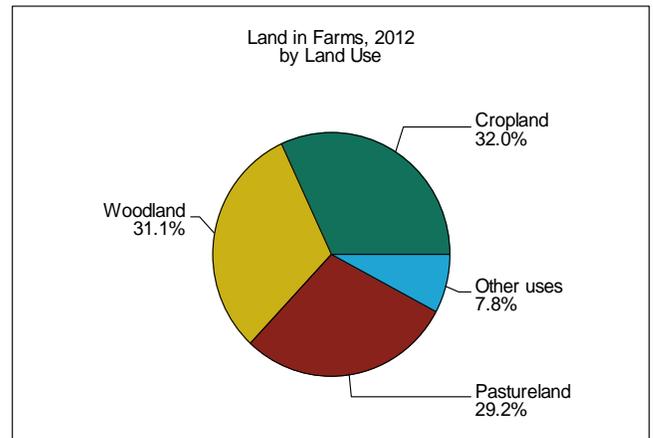
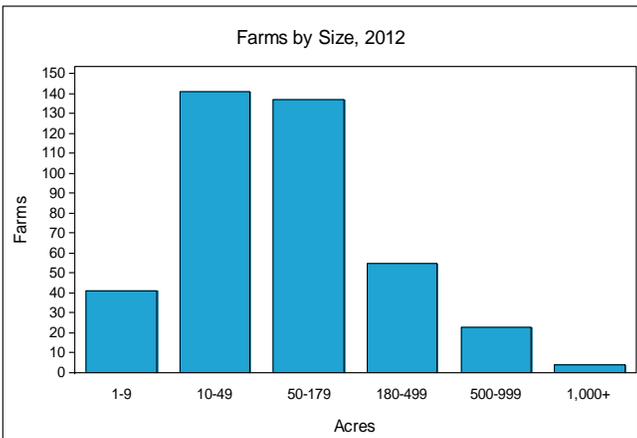
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Shelby County Alabama

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	401	474	- 15
Land in Farms	58,452 acres	54,810 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	146 acres	116 acres	+ 26
Market Value of Products Sold	\$12,169,000	\$9,764,000	+ 25
Crop Sales \$9,785,000 (80 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,383,000 (20 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$30,346	\$20,599	+ 47
Government Payments	\$659,000	\$543,000	+ 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,685	\$8,491	+ 85





Shelby 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	12,169	58	67	2,599	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,785	38	67	2,105	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,383	64	67	2,723	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,011	37	67	2,053	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	2,430	27	51	351	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	130	48	67	1,725	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,353	11	62	476	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	9	34	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	697	56	67	2,200	3,049
Poultry and eggs	76	58	67	1,480	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,795	59	67	2,382	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	24	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	9	25	55	2,131	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	21	51	67	2,415	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	336	10	67	827	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	49	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	146	6	64	903	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,926	44	67	1,742	3,057
Cotton, all	3,972	24	51	346	635
Upland cotton	3,972	24	51	345	635
Soybeans for beans	1,963	32	65	1,536	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	1,286	27	60	1,548	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	6,895	57	67	2,216	3,063
Quail	4,000	21	40	148	944
Layers	2,706	41	67	1,099	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,364	15	67	824	3,072
Pullets for laying flock replacement	848	29	63	582	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	132	Farming	179
\$1,000 to \$2,499	52	Other	222
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	Male	322
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Female	79
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	Black or African American	15
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	6	White	577
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,137	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	32,760	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,264		
Average per farm (\$)	3,153		

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.