



Alabama 4th District

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	11,374
Land in farms (acres)	1,639,238
Average size of farm (acres)	144
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Total	(\$)
Market value of products sold	2,172,299,000
Government payments	24,234,000
Farm-related income	22,398,000
Total farm production expenses	1,628,730,000
Net cash farm income	590,201,000
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Per farm average	(\$)
Market value of products sold	190,988
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,379
Farm-related income	7,327
Total farm production expenses	143,198
Net cash farm income	51,890

36 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	9
Livestock, poultry, and products	91

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	35
Pastureland	30
Woodland	29
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 15,422

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	4,548	40
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,348	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,611	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,423	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	705	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	276	2
\$100,000 or more	1,463	13

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	926	8
10 to 49 acres	4,068	36
50 to 179 acres	4,256	37
180 to 499 acres	1,589	14
500 to 999 acres	337	3
1,000 + acres	198	2

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	CDs Producing Item
Total	2,172,299	1	7	47	431
Crops	188,611	4	7	169	431
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	108,895	2	7	106	381
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	68
Cotton and cottonseed	28,572	5	7	35	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	11,187	2	7	159	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,285	5	7	272	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	7	7	(D)	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	7	7	(D)	326
Other crops and hay	29,782	3	7	104	395
Livestock, poultry, and products	1,983,688	1	7	22	422
Poultry and eggs	1,863,100	1	7	4	404
Cattle and calves	98,850	2	7	97	396
Milk from cows	6,255	1	7	185	312
Hogs and pigs	10,548	1	7	86	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	1,119	1	7	131	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	2,478	2	7	113	393
Aquaculture	41	6	7	159	328
Other animals and animal products	1,296	1	7	146	413

Total Producers ^c

18,216

Sex

Male 11,790
Female 6,426

Age

<35 1,629
35 – 64 10,533
65 and older 6,054

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native 343
Asian 26
Black or African American 182
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1
White 17,396
More than one race 268

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 167
With military service 1,950
New and beginning farmers 5,449

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **73**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **3**

Hire farm labor **23**

Are family farms **98**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all 217,715
Soybeans for beans 110,587
Corn for grain 73,507
Cotton, all 40,419
Wheat for grain, all 36,185

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 92,329,519
Cattle and calves 333,234
Goats 12,932
Hogs and pigs 20,001
Horses and ponies 13,708
Layers 3,263,473
Pullets 2,662,882
Sheep and lambs 7,068
Turkeys 463

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among CDs whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.