



# Blount County Alabama

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,146	-8
Land in farms (acres)	148,177	+1
Average size of farm (acres)	129	+10
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	242,855,000	+36
Government payments	3,166,000	+253
Farm-related income	1,985,000	+12
Total farm production expenses	171,343,000	+14
Net cash farm income	76,664,000	+153
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	211,916	+48
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,558	+126
Farm-related income	7,065	-5
Total farm production expenses	149,514	+23
Net cash farm income	66,897	+174

**4** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	5
Livestock, poultry, and products	95

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	30
Pastureland	39
Woodland	26
Other	6

**Acres irrigated: 935**

1% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	7

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	408	36
\$2,500 to \$4,999	139	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	150	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	153	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	63	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47	4
\$100,000 or more	186	16

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	85	7
10 to 49 acres	383	33
50 to 179 acres	443	39
180 to 499 acres	195	17
500 to 999 acres	24	2
1,000 + acres	16	1

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>242,855</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>13,240</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,294	36	67	2,053	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	1,820	36	56	389	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	4,828	4	67	351	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	6	65	651	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,087	25	59	826	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	22	33	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,695	17	67	689	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>229,615</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	211,469	4	67	40	3,007
Cattle and calves	17,557	3	67	886	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	15	38	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	44	15	64	1,148	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	85	19	67	1,392	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	145	27	67	1,196	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	41	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	35	66	(D)	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>	
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	75	
Male	1,202			
Female	667			
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	(Z)	
<35	211			
35 – 64	1,032			
65 and older	626			
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	3	
American Indian/Alaska Native	10			
Asian	1			
Black or African American	6			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-			
White	1,845	Hire farm labor	24	
More than one race	7			
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	98	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	27			
With military service	236			
New and beginning farmers	488			
			<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>	
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens	12,653,248
			Cattle and calves	46,356
			Goats	594
			Hogs and pigs	258
			Horses and ponies	1,499
			Layers	258,259
			Pullets	(D)
			Sheep and lambs	1,020
			Turkeys	45

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

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.