



Cherokee County Alabama

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

| | 2017 | % change since 2012 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 530 | -6 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 121,371 | -2 |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 229 | +3 |
| Total | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 152,078,000 | +27 |
| Government payments | 2,145,000 | +8 |
| Farm-related income | 1,637,000 | +27 |
| Total farm production expenses | 108,225,000 | +10 |
| Net cash farm income | 47,635,000 | +93 |
| Per farm average | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 286,940 | +34 |
| Government payments (average per farm receiving) | 10,619 | +14 |
| Farm-related income | 9,410 | +7 |
| Total farm production expenses | 204,198 | +16 |
| Net cash farm income | 89,878 | +105 |

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 26 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 74 |

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

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|-------------|----|
| Cropland | 60 |
| Pastureland | 16 |
| Woodland | 20 |
| Other | 3 |

Acres irrigated: 807

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|----|
| No till | 18 |
| Reduced till | 1 |
| Intensive till | 6 |
| Cover crop | 6 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 209 | 39 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 53 | 10 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 75 | 14 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 73 | 14 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 20 | 4 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 11 | 2 |
| \$100,000 or more | 89 | 17 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 32 | 6 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 182 | 34 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 166 | 31 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 86 | 16 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 39 | 7 |
| 1,000 + acres | 25 | 5 |

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

| | Sales (\$1,000) | Rank in State ^b | Counties Producing Item | Rank in U.S. ^b | Counties Producing Item |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total | 152,078 | 11 | 67 | 753 | 3,077 |
| Crops | 39,443 | 9 | 67 | 1,245 | 3,073 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | 6,273 | 12 | 67 | 1,559 | 2,916 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 323 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 16,519 | 3 | 56 | 113 | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | 121 | 44 | 67 | 1,473 | 2,821 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | 28 | 54 | 65 | 1,675 | 2,748 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | 15,607 | 5 | 59 | 167 | 2,601 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | - | - | 33 | - | 1,384 |
| Other crops and hay | 895 | 55 | 67 | 1,977 | 3,040 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 112,635 | 15 | 67 | 449 | 3,073 |
| Poultry and eggs | 107,584 | 15 | 67 | 135 | 3,007 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,453 | 46 | 67 | 1,910 | 3,055 |
| Milk from cows | - | - | 38 | - | 1,892 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | 5 | 64 | (D) | 2,856 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | 33 | 37 | 67 | 1,975 | 2,984 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | (D) | (D) | 67 | (D) | 2,970 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 41 | - | 1,251 |
| Other animals and animal products | 30 | 25 | 66 | 1,176 | 2,878 |

Total Producers ^c

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Sex | 905 |
| Male | 589 |
| Female | 316 |
| Age | |
| <35 | 103 |
| 35 – 64 | 519 |
| 65 and older | 283 |
| Race | |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 10 |
| Asian | 1 |
| Black or African American | 11 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 10 |
| White | 867 |
| More than one race | 6 |
| Other characteristics | |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 2 |
| With military service | 89 |
| New and beginning farmers | 302 |

Percent of farms that:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Have internet access | 73 |
| Farm organically | - |
| Sell directly to consumers | 3 |
| Hire farm labor | 17 |
| Are family farms | 98 |

Top Crops in Acres ^d

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Cotton, all | 29,034 |
| Soybeans for beans | 8,099 |
| Forage (hay/haylage), all | 7,847 |
| Corn for grain | 4,486 |
| Wheat for grain, all | 1,152 |

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 6,341,184 |
| Cattle and calves | 12,824 |
| Goats | 473 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) |
| Horses and ponies | 506 |
| Layers | (D) |
| Pullets | 66 |
| Sheep and lambs | 261 |
| Turkeys | (D) |

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 counties 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.