



Covington County Alabama

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	907	-14
Land in farms (acres)	161,414	-23
Average size of farm (acres)	178	-10
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	126,512,000	+6
Government payments	4,147,000	+61
Farm-related income	2,134,000	-47
Total farm production expenses	94,688,000	-9
Net cash farm income	38,106,000	+68
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	139,484	+22
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	9,735	+73
Farm-related income	6,239	-31
Total farm production expenses	104,396	+6
Net cash farm income	42,013	+95

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	17
Livestock, poultry, and products	83

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	34
Pastureland	20
Woodland	41
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 1,326

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	414	46
\$2,500 to \$4,999	75	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	122	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	121	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	52	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18	2
\$100,000 or more	105	12

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	45	5
10 to 49 acres	268	30
50 to 179 acres	392	43
180 to 499 acres	148	16
500 to 999 acres	27	3
1,000 + acres	27	3

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	126,512	17	67	923	3,077
Crops	21,062	18	67	1,618	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,653	28	67	1,991	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	7,876	13	56	215	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	157	36	67	1,370	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	4	65	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	(D)	59	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	2	25	33	610	1,384
Other crops and hay	7,836	9	67	326	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	105,451	16	67	481	3,073
Poultry and eggs	95,433	17	67	157	3,007
Cattle and calves	8,012	18	67	1,389	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	3	38	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	25	21	64	1,310	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	9	67	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	24	31	66	1,278	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,459	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	72	
Male	913			
Female	546	Farm organically	(Z)	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	5	
<35	66	Hire farm labor	20	
35 – 64	775	Are family farms	97	
65 and older	618			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	7		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,436,482
Asian	3		Cattle and calves	27,322
Black or African American	37		Goats	1,090
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs	211
White	1,397		Horses and ponies	612
More than one race	15		Layers	739,723
Other characteristics			Pullets	242,375
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	5		Sheep and lambs	601
With military service	202		Turkeys	(D)
New and beginning farmers	462			

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.