



Shelby County Alabama

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	447	+11
Land in farms (acres)	67,214	+15
Average size of farm (acres)	150	+3
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	16,542,000	+36
Government payments	399,000	-39
Farm-related income	1,660,000	+5
Total farm production expenses	18,208,000	+39
Net cash farm income	393,000	-69
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	37,007	+22
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	5,045	-68
Farm-related income	15,963	-9
Total farm production expenses	40,734	+24
Net cash farm income	879	-72

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	84
Livestock, poultry, and products	16

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	39
Pastureland	29
Woodland	28
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 2,016

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	4
Cover crop	1

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	193	43
\$2,500 to \$4,999	76	17
\$5,000 to \$9,999	62	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	31	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	46	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20	4
\$100,000 or more	19	4

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	46	10
10 to 49 acres	180	40
50 to 179 acres	117	26
180 to 499 acres	74	17
500 to 999 acres	22	5
1,000 + acres	8	2

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	16,542	56	67	2,476	3,077
Crops	13,893	26	67	1,866	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,918	23	67	1,945	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	3,101	26	56	331	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	238	28	67	1,204	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	220	24	65	974	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	7,474	6	59	299	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	101	3	33	263	1,384
Other crops and hay	841	58	67	2,033	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	2,649	64	67	2,662	3,073
Poultry and eggs	97	54	67	1,062	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,022	57	67	2,157	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	21	38	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	17	24	64	1,424	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	346	12	67	626	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	19	41	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	33	23	66	1,146	2,878

Total Producers ^c	714	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	77	
Male	441			
Female	273			
Age		Farm organically	-	
<35	43			
35 – 64	407			
65 and older	264			
Race		Sell directly to consumers	10	
American Indian/Alaska Native	1			
Asian	-			
Black or African American	9			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-			
White	696	Hire farm labor	32	
More than one race	8			
Other characteristics		Are family farms	96	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2			
With military service	86			
New and beginning farmers	258			
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens	84
			Cattle and calves	9,198
			Goats	692
			Hogs and pigs	304
			Horses and ponies	1,311
			Layers	2,994
			Pullets	214
			Sheep and lambs	116
			Turkeys	37

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.