Dale County
Alabama

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	469	-4
Land in farms (acres)	137,007	+6
Average size of farm (acres)	292	+10
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	172,041,000	+46
Government payments	2,946,000	+97
Farm-related income	2,213,000	+16
Total farm production expenses	118,779,000	+30
Net cash farm income	58,421,000	+96
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	366,825	+51
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	13,269	+141
Farm-related income	10,590	(Z)
Total farm production expenses	253,260	+35
Net cash farm income	124,565	+103

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	10
Livestock, poultry, and products	90

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	38
Pastureland	12
Woodland	43
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 2,449

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	240	51
$2,500 to $4,999	44	9
$5,000 to $9,999	28	6
$10,000 to $24,999	52	11
$25,000 to $49,999	12	3
$50,000 to $99,999	10	2
$100,000 or more	83	18

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	19	4
10 to 49 acres	111	24
50 to 179 acres	174	37
180 to 499 acres	97	21
500 to 999 acres	37	8
1,000 + acres	31	7

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**172,041**	**7**	**67**	**644**	**3,077**
Crops	**17,024**	**23**	**67**	**1,754**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,451	31	67	2,022	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	5,309	18	56	267	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	82	56	67	1,617	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	31	65	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	54	59	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	33	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	10,024	6	67	249	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**155,017**	**7**	**67**	**284**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	150,927	7	67	76	3,007
Cattle and calves	3,948	42	67	1,821	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	38	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	-	-	64	-	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	89	18	67	1,365	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	58	67	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	29	26	66	1,202	2,878

Total Producers [c]   764

Sex
Male   478
Female   286

Age
<35   19
35 – 64   401
65 and older   344

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native   11
Asian   3
Black or African American   3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander   -
White   738
More than one race   9

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin   3
With military service   183
New and beginning farmers   212

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access   **77**

Farm organically   **-**

Sell directly to consumers   **4**

Hire farm labor   **25**

Are family farms   **97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Peanuts for nuts   13,145
Cotton, all   10,656
Forage (hay/haylage), all   6,856
Corn for grain   1,925
Soybeans for beans   882

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens   8,448,640
Cattle and calves   13,205
Goats   486
Hogs and pigs   15
Horses and ponies   394
Layers   166,950
Pullets   165,046
Sheep and lambs   325
Turkeys   31

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.