Etowah County
Alabama

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	817	-4
Land in farms (acres)	89,345	+4
Average size of farm (acres)	109	+8
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	93,429,000	+12
Government payments	804,000	+79
Farm-related income	1,091,000	-16
Total farm production expenses	72,477,000	-4
Net cash farm income	22,847,000	+125
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	114,356	+16
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,570	+2
Farm-related income	6,269	-27
Total farm production expenses	88,711	(Z)
Net cash farm income	27,965	+135

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	7
Livestock, poultry, and products	93

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	28
Pastureland	35
Woodland	32
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 622

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	(Z)
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	363	44
$2,500 to $4,999	106	13
$5,000 to $9,999	114	14
$10,000 to $24,999	91	11
$25,000 to $49,999	46	6
$50,000 to $99,999	22	3
$100,000 or more	75	9

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	115	14
10 to 49 acres	336	41
50 to 179 acres	243	30
180 to 499 acres	81	10
500 to 999 acres	38	5
1,000 + acres	4	(Z)

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	**93,429**	**24**	**67**	**1,205**	**3,077**
Crops	**6,214**	**46**	**67**	**2,265**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,383	32	67	2,036	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	1,431	38	56	408	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,368	11	67	656	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	167	29	65	1,103	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	422	33	59	1,088	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	33	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,444	35	67	1,544	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**87,215**	**22**	**67**	**595**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	75,625	22	67	198	3,007
Cattle and calves	10,382	10	67	1,226	3,055
Milk from cows	510	11	38	1,017	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	20	64	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	65	24	67	1,566	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	166	24	67	1,109	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	25	41	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	435	2	66	322	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**1,303**
Sex	
Male	858
Female	445
Age	
<35	110
35 – 64	794
65 and older	399
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	6
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,279
More than one race	18
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	3
With military service	186
New and beginning farmers	469

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**74**
Farm organically	**-**
Sell directly to consumers	**5**
Hire farm labor	**21**
Are family farms	**97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	12,219
Soybeans for beans	2,397
Cotton, all	2,075
Corn for grain	1,068
Vegetables harvested, all	378

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,223,585
Cattle and calves	20,047
Goats	1,281
Hogs and pigs	98
Horses and ponies	774
Layers	182,284
Pullets	571
Sheep and lambs	671
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.