



Houston County Alabama

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	698	-14
Land in farms (acres)	148,526	-25
Average size of farm (acres)	213	-12
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	69,721,000	-22
Government payments	7,557,000	+49
Farm-related income	2,091,000	-61
Total farm production expenses	66,181,000	-19
Net cash farm income	13,188,000	-28
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	99,887	-9
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	21,470	+105
Farm-related income	8,232	-46
Total farm production expenses	94,815	-5
Net cash farm income	18,894	-16

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	68
Livestock, poultry, and products	32

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	58
Pastureland	16
Woodland	21
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 9,977

7% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	7
Intensive till	19
Cover crop	12

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	301	43
\$2,500 to \$4,999	54	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	93	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	78	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	50	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	5
\$100,000 or more	84	12

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	75	11
10 to 49 acres	224	32
50 to 179 acres	193	28
180 to 499 acres	132	19
500 to 999 acres	39	6
1,000 + acres	35	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	69,721	32	67	1,481	3,077
Crops	47,485	7	67	1,119	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,711	26	67	1,976	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	9,583	10	56	191	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	15,060	1	67	159	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	430	11	65	706	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	168	37	59	1,308	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	33	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	20,533	2	67	121	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	22,236	41	67	1,568	3,073
Poultry and eggs (D)	(D)	36	67	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves (D)	(D)	29	67	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	38	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	13	27	64	1,500	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	40	31	67	1,878	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	89	36	67	1,511	2,970
Aquaculture (D)	(D)	31	41	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	10	40	66	1,495	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,091

Sex

Male	710
Female	381

Age

<35	53
35 – 64	621
65 and older	417

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	17
Asian	-
Black or African American	60
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,009
More than one race	5

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	20
With military service	206
New and beginning farmers	371

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **72**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **5**

Hire farm labor **23**

Are family farms **97**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Peanuts for nuts	26,621
Cotton, all	17,389
Forage (hay/haylage), all	16,777
Vegetables harvested, all	7,132
Cucumbers and pickles (D)	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)	(D)
Cattle and calves	21,592
Goats	823
Hogs and pigs	141
Horses and ponies	1,030
Layers	1,237
Pullets	31
Sheep and lambs	43
Turkeys	80

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.