



# Limestone County Alabama

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,156	-6
Land in farms (acres)	224,822	-9
Average size of farm (acres)	194	-3
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	131,401,000	-1
Government payments	3,378,000	-6
Farm-related income	3,292,000	-29
Total farm production expenses	103,065,000	-1
Net cash farm income	35,007,000	-6
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	113,668	+5
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	9,033	+6
Farm-related income	8,231	-15
Total farm production expenses	89,156	+6
Net cash farm income	30,283	(Z)

**2** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	60
Livestock, poultry, and products	40

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	67
Pastureland	15
Woodland	11
Other	7

**Acres irrigated: 10,438**

5% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	16
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	4

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	451	39
\$2,500 to \$4,999	142	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	169	15
\$10,000 to \$24,999	146	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	63	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	51	4
\$100,000 or more	134	12

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	165	14
10 to 49 acres	438	38
50 to 179 acres	351	30
180 to 499 acres	126	11
500 to 999 acres	35	3
1,000 + acres	41	4

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>131,401</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>78,594</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	51,010	1	67	759	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	18,659	2	56	103	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	372	21	67	1,060	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	8	65	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	5,241	13	59	372	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	16	33	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,829	25	67	895	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>52,807</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	43,627	28	67	282	3,007
Cattle and calves	8,068	17	67	1,384	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	38	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	381	7	64	668	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	276	1	67	597	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	387	10	67	552	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	41	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	16	66	(D)	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	Soybeans for beans 58,679
Male	1,264	<b>75</b>	Cotton, all 28,058
Female	629		Wheat for grain, all 24,282
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	Forage (hay/haylage), all 19,924
<35	150	<b>-</b>	Corn for grain 16,886
35 – 64	1,094		
65 and older	649		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	10	<b>7</b>	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 2,038,192
Asian	8		Cattle and calves 22,027
Black or African American	75	Hire farm labor	Goats 2,548
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	<b>23</b>	Hogs and pigs 2,209
White	1,792		Horses and ponies 1,110
More than one race	8	Are family farms	Layers 68,262
<b>Other characteristics</b>		<b>96</b>	Pullets 327,402
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	8		Sheep and lambs 824
With military service	267		Turkeys 336
New and beginning farmers	581		

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.