

## DALE COUNTY, AL

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	422	403	490
Acreage	130,975	134,555	129,105
Average size (acres)	310	334	263
Median size (acres)	137	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	364,544	297,237	198,673
Machinery/equip (dollars)	56,851	49,205	34,669
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	62,655	67,549	63,012
Harvested	38,940	39,214	32,902
Irrigated	1,162	2,693	2,039
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	34,339	34,816	23,159
(dollars avg. per farm)	81,371	86,391	47,263
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	7,412	18,552	6,073
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	17,535	15,542	15,873
Beef cows	9,831	8,199	8,742
Milk cows	22	53	57
Hogs and pigs	1,620	2,861	7,463
Sheep and lambs	90	D	D
Layers 13 wks or older	D	323	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	11,317,040	9,930,492	6,630,888
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Com, grain or seed	4,169	7,839	6,485
Com, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	1,373	1,177	1,748
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	10,359	3,624	1,330
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	390	D	1,697
Dry edible beans, excl lin as	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweet potatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	15,512	21,315	15,897
Hay-alfalfa	6,474	4,461	4,760
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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Orchards			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-W withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture