

HOUSTON COUNTY, AL

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

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	690	753	862
Acreage	198,215	191,810	207,817
Average size (acres)	287	255	241
Median size (acres)	102	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	339,525	266,062	187,923
Machinery/equip (dollars)	62,377	53,910	35,687
Cropland (acres)			
Total	137,415	134,033	141,755
Harvested	103,444	91,289	85,557
Irrigated	9,896	7,731	7,276
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	56,290	56,564	37,527
(dollars avg. per farm)	81,579	75,118	43,535
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	8,426	15,700	10,187
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	31,707	28,245	27,236
Beef cows	17,053	14,459	14,109
Milk cows	694	831	843
Hogs and pigs	2,128	9,591	14,736
Sheep and lambs	D	0	118
Layers 13 wks or older	109,487	D	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	820,000	1,130,500	D
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Com, grain or seed	9,265	19,484	11,973
Com, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	4,935	3,854	8,741
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	27,910	3,568	D
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	7,607	8,283	15,160
Dry edible beans, excl lima	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	39,899	44,735	41,240
Hay-alfalfa	10,738	5,501	6,239
Vegetables			
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