

ALABAMA

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY



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\$5,539,000,000

Agriculture accounted for
\$5.54 billion of production in
the Alabama economy for 2009.



SOURCE: National Agricultural Statistics Service
(www.nass.usda.gov/) (unless noted otherwise)

NOTE: Maps are based on data from the 2007 Census of Agriculture; to protect respondents' confidentiality, no data are published that would disclose information about the operations of an individual farm or ranch. Facts and graphs are based on the most current information available at the time of publication.

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Alabama is in the top 20 states in the production of 16 commodities.

- No. 2 in catfish sales
- No. 3 in broilers
- No. 3 in peanuts
- No. 3 in timberland acres
- No. 6 in sweet potatoes
- No. 6 in pecans
- No. 9 in cottonseed
- No. 9 in cotton, upland
- No. 10 in meat goats
- No. 10 in tomatoes (fresh)
- No. 12 in blueberries
- No. 12 in watermelons
- No. 14 in eggs
- No. 17 in beef cow inventory
- No. 18 in peaches
- No. 20 in greenhouse, nursery, and sod sales

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Farms and Farmers



Farm acreage 9,033,537

Forestry acreage 22,558,000

Demographics of farmers

Race

White 92%

African American 5%

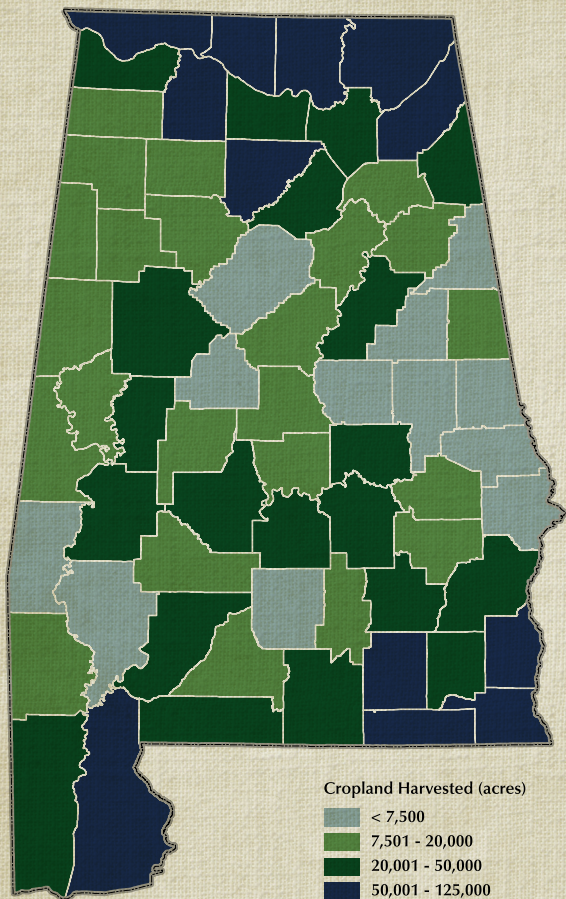
Other 3%

Gender

Male 87%

Female 13%

Average age 58



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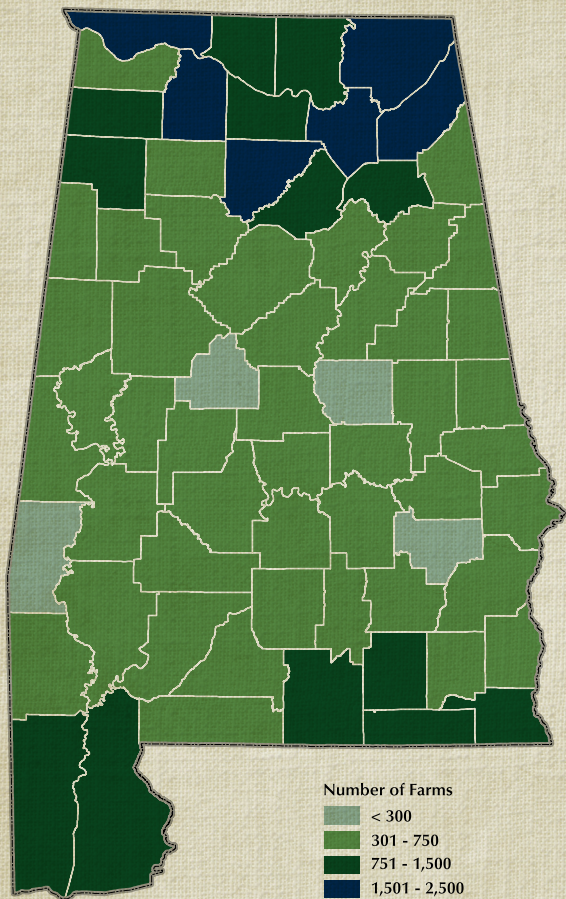


Number of farms 48,500

Principal operators' primary
occupation

Farming 40%

Other 60%



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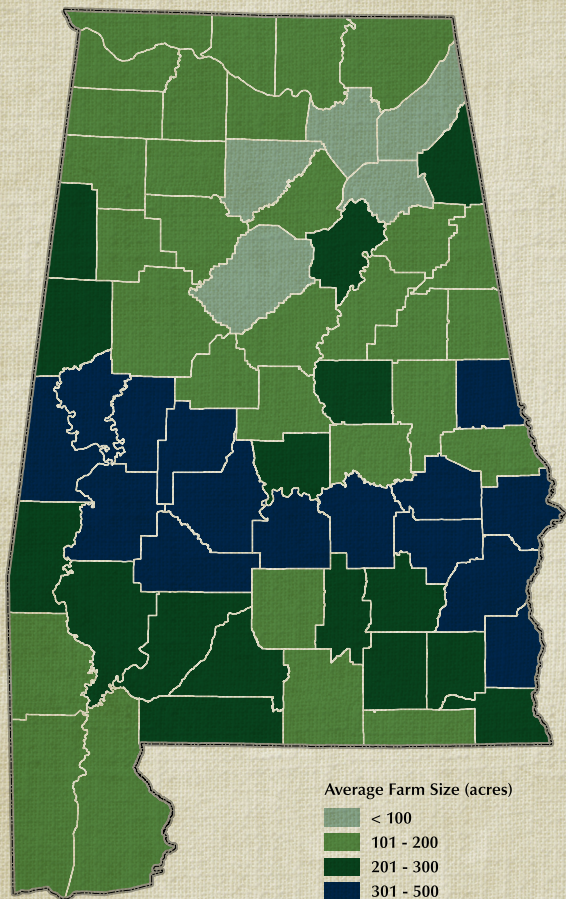
Farms and Farmers



Average size of farm (acres) 185

Total market value of production
\$4,415,550,000 (ag products sold)

Average market value of
production (per farm) \$90,570



Average Farm Size (acres)

- < 100
- 101 - 200
- 201 - 300
- 301 - 500

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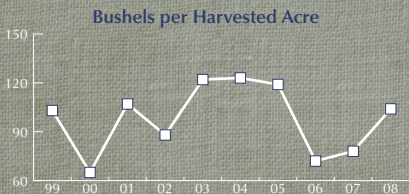


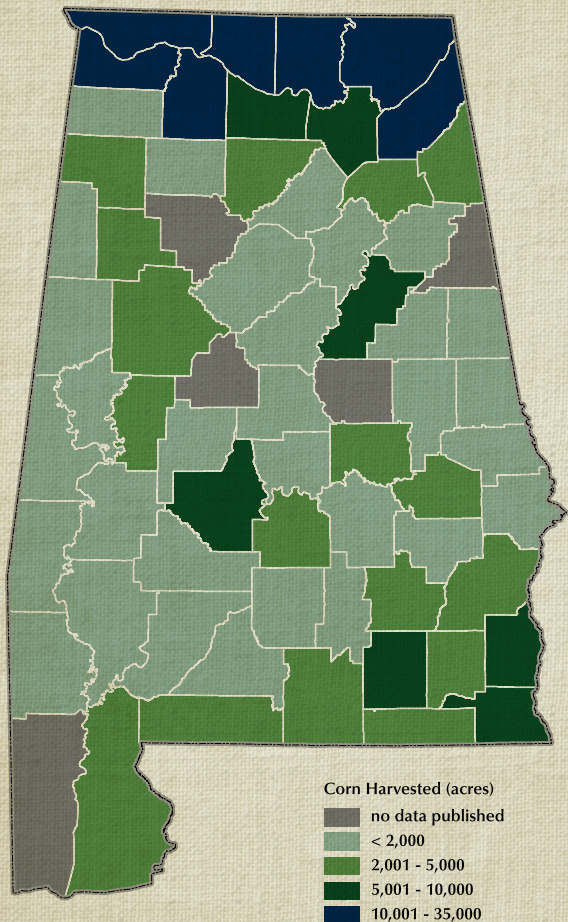
280,000 acres planted

1,856 operations

27,000,000 bushels

\$112,050,000 value of production





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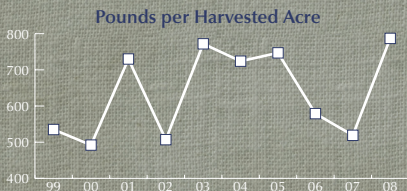


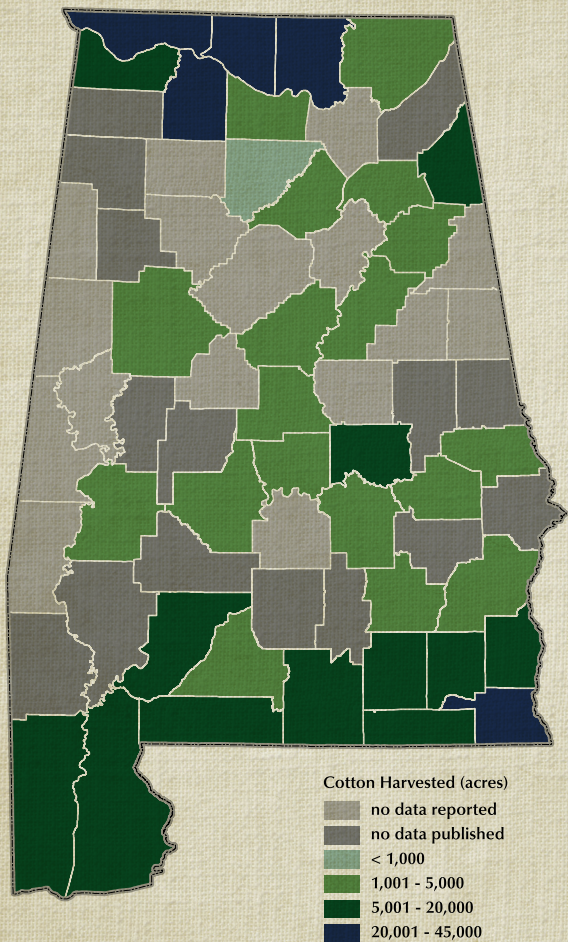
255,000 acres planted

917 operations

360,000 bales

\$111,283,000 value of production





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Soybeans



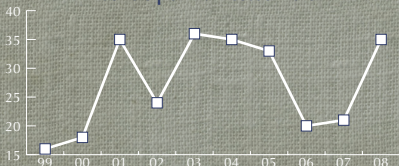
440,000 acres planted

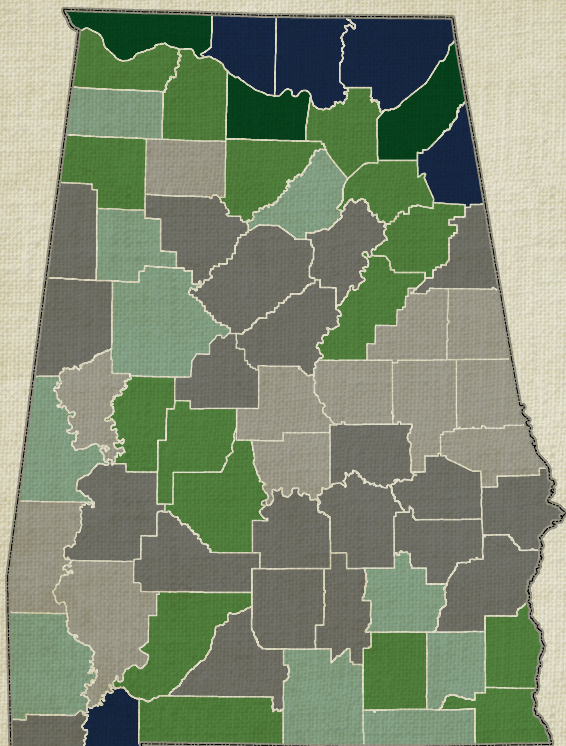
924 operations

17,200,000 bushels







\$178,880,000 value of production

Bushels per Harvested Acre





Soybeans Harvested (acres)

-  no data reported
-  no data published
-  < 1,500
-  1,501 - 5,000
-  5,001 - 10,000
-  10,001 - 30,000

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Peanuts

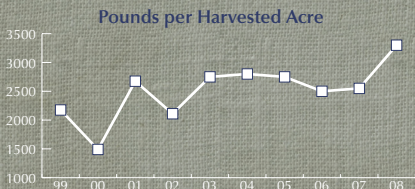


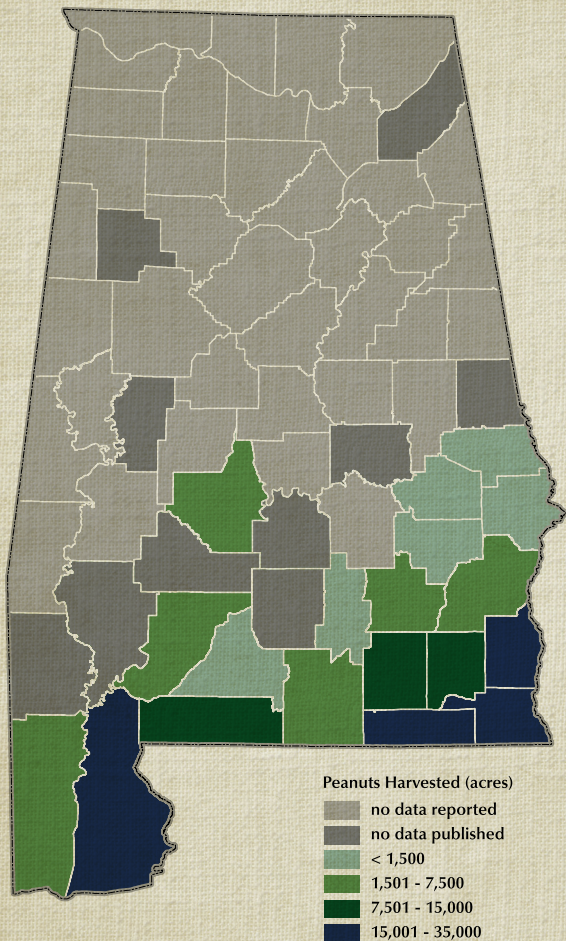
155,000 acres planted

704 operations

471,200,000 pounds

\$104,606,000 value of production





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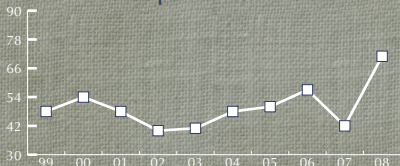
220,000 acres planted

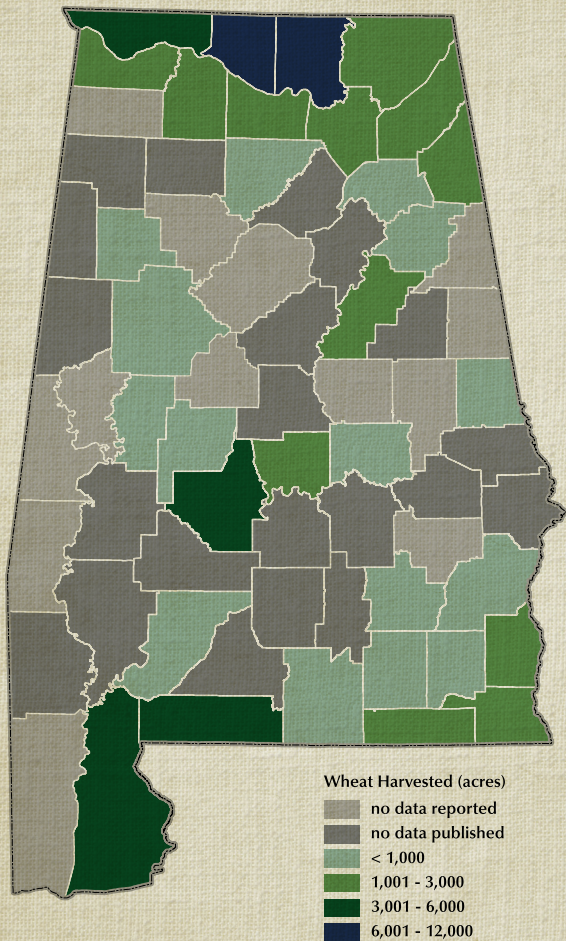
518 operations

9,900,000 bushels

\$45,540,000 value of production

Bushels per Harvested Acre





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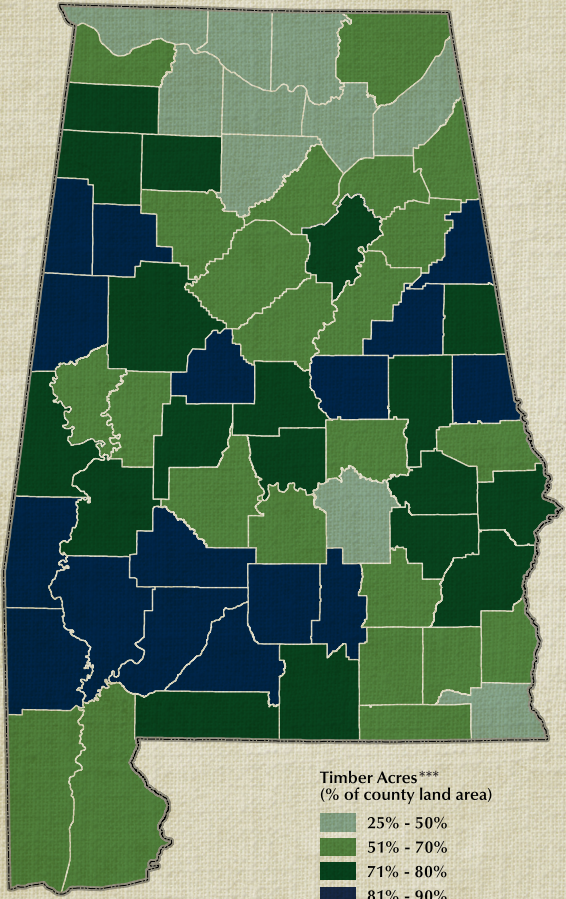
22,558,000 acres of forestland^{*}
66% owned by non-industrial
private landowners^{*}
\$679,462,000 market value of
timber harvested^{**}

SOURCES:

^{*}USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, 2007

^{**}Alabama Forestry Commission, Forest Resource Report, 2008

^{***}USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory Data Online, 2008

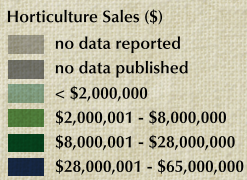
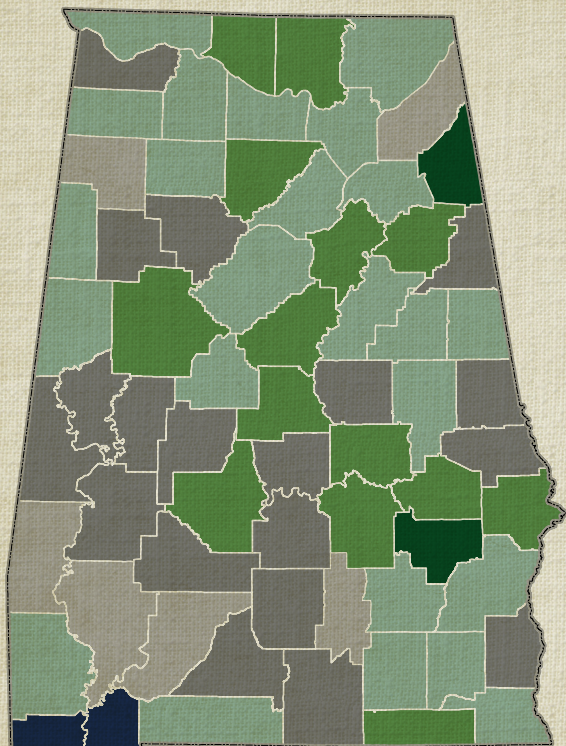


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| | Sales | Firms |
|---|--------------|-------|
| Floriculture Crops bedding/garden plants, cut flowers, and foliage/potted flowering plants | \$87,088,158 | 278 |
| Greenhouse Vegetable Plants and Fresh Cut Herbs | \$1,954,022 | 30 |
| Nursery Stock | \$99,704,294 | 306 |
| Harvested Sod | \$58,129,093 | 97 |

NOTE:
Additional information can be found in Alabama Agricultural
Experiment Station Special Report No. 7, 2009.



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Sweet Potatoes

2,300 acres harvested

391,000 pounds produced

\$8,016,000 value of production

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Blueberries

310 acres harvested

300,000 pounds produced

\$492,000 value of production

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Pecans

10,000,000 pounds produced

\$10,336,000 value of production

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Tomatoes

1,300 acres harvested

403,000 pounds produced

\$12,255,000 value of production

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Watermelons

2,600 acres harvested

416,000 pounds produced

\$4,410,000 value of production

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Peaches

4,000 tons produced

\$3,750,000 value of production

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Cattle and Calves

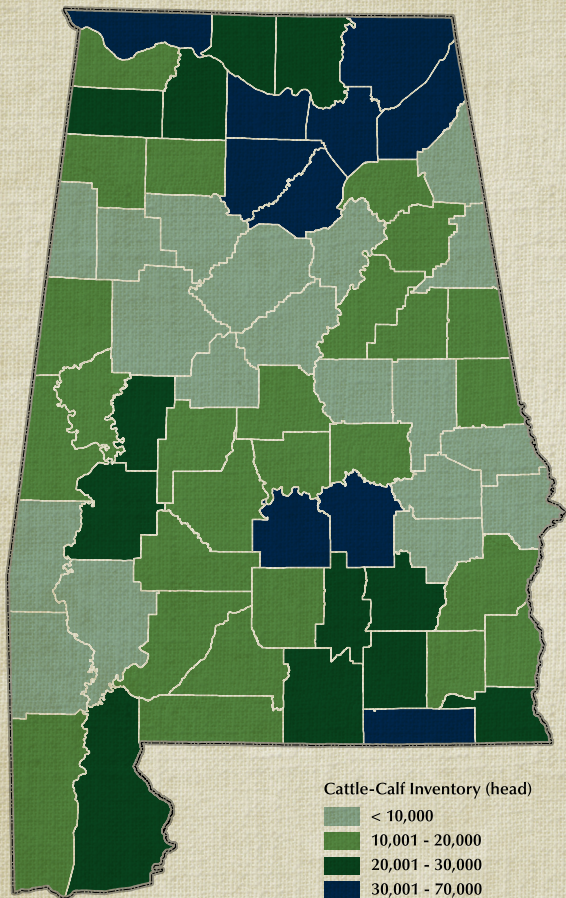


24,000 operations with cattle

1,280,000 head

\$309,937,000 value of production





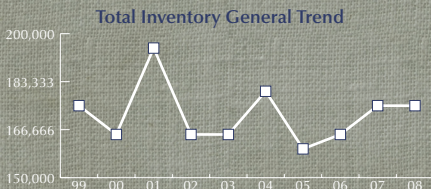
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Hogs

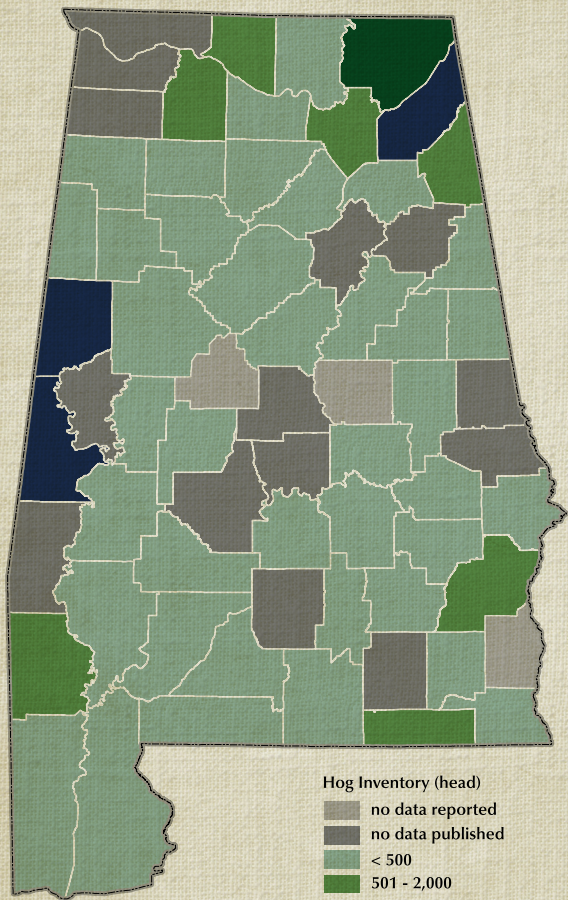


547 operations

140,000 hogs and pigs

\$30,467,000 value of production





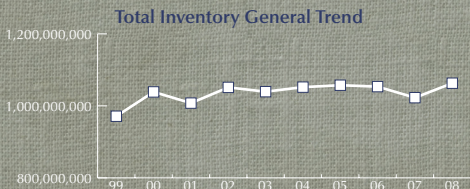
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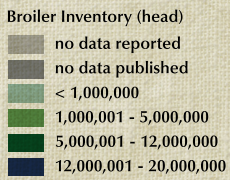
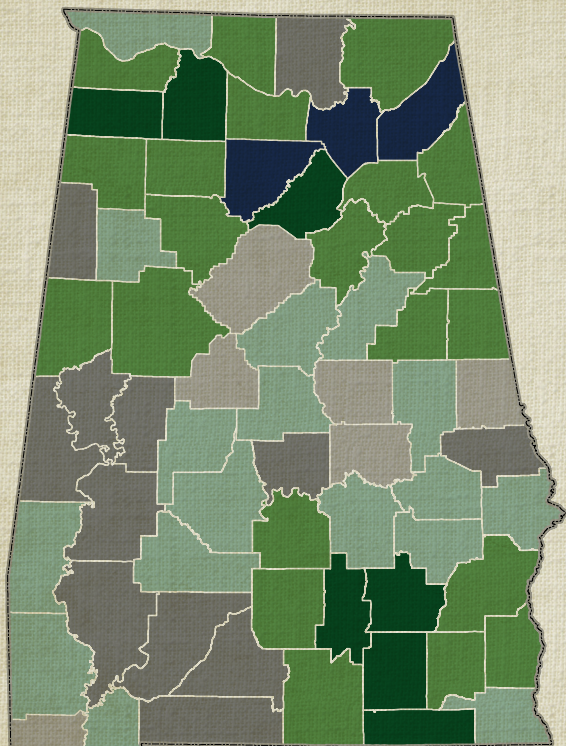


2,417 operations

1,002,300,000 broilers

\$2,519,304,000 value of production





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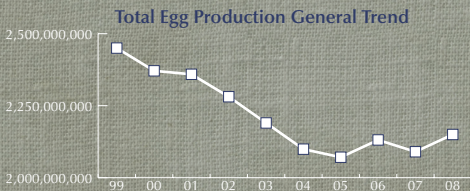
Egg Production

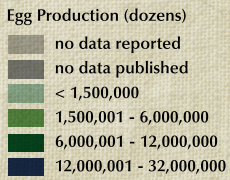
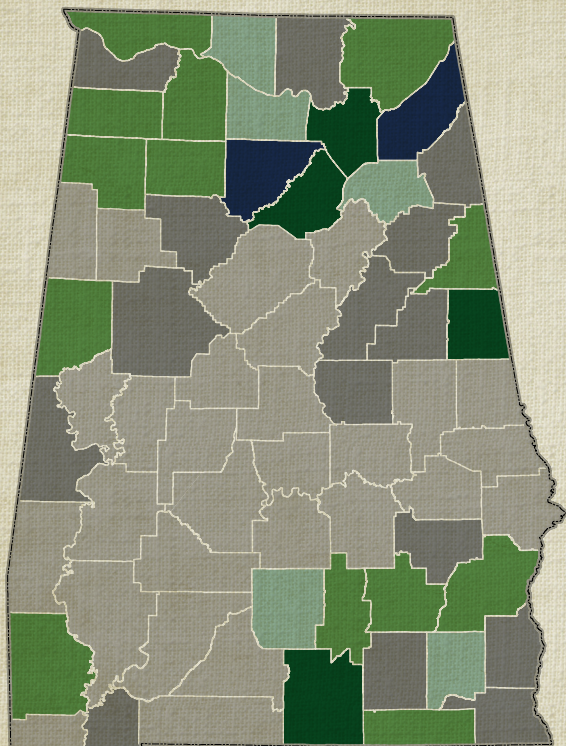


778 layer operations

2,106,000,000 eggs

\$281,043,000 value of production





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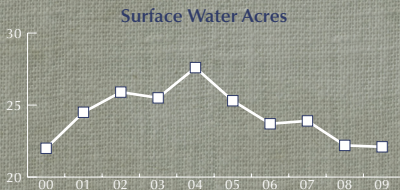
252 operations

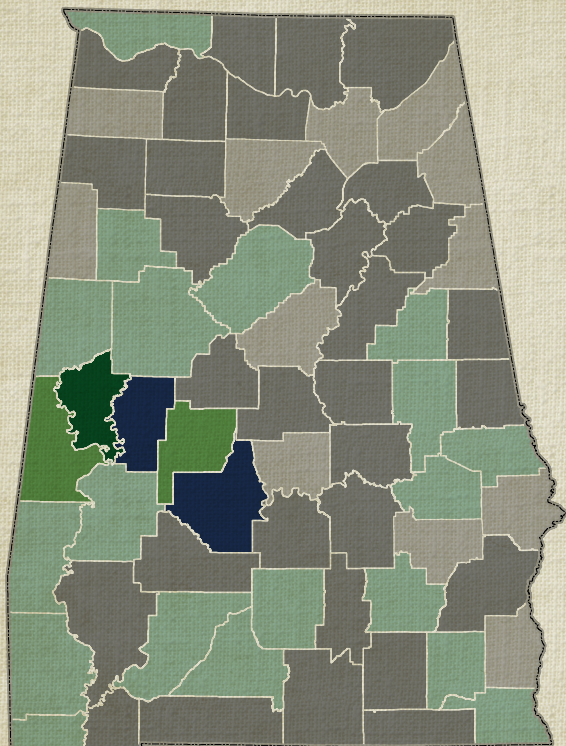
129,275,000 pounds sold

70,900,000 number sold







NOTE: 80% of operations report by pounds;
20% by numbers

\$ 90,688,000 value of production



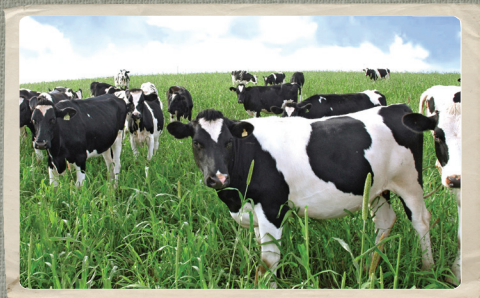


Catfish Sales (\$)

-  no data reported
-  no data published
-  < \$3,000,000
-  \$3,000,001 - \$10,000,000
-  \$10,000,001 - \$20,000,000
-  \$20,000,001 - \$45,000,000

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Dairy Herds



157 farms with 1 or more dairy cows

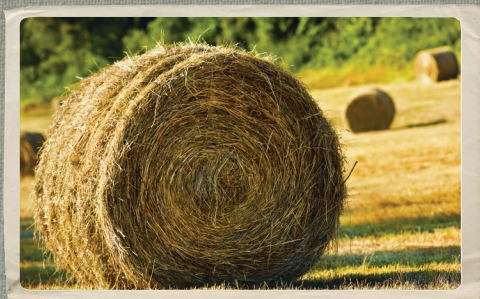
72 farms with 10 or more dairy cows

11,000 milk cows

164,000,000 pounds of milk

\$25,584,000 value of production

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Hay/Pasture



1,900,000 acres in improved pasture*

400,000 acres winter grazing*

800,000 acres in hay

\$147,840,000 value of production

SOURCE:

*Estimates by Extension Forage Specialist

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Goats



4,120 farms with inventory

64,200 head

\$3,128,000 value of production
(includes sheep, goats, and their
products)

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Horses



186,871 horses*

\$2,323,560,691 total economic impact*

SOURCE:

*Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, Bulletin 662, 2006

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Value of Production Estimates

| Commodity | 2008 | 2009 |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|
| | million \$ | |
| Corn | 128.6 | 112.1 |
| Cotton | 101.1 | 111.2 |
| Soybeans | 126.2 | 178.9 |
| Peanuts | 152.0 | 104.6 |
| Wheat | 84.5 | 45.5 |
| Timber | 679.5 | N/A |
| Floriculture | 87.1 | N/A |
| Greenhouse Plants and Herbs | 2.0 | N/A |
| Nursery Stock | 99.7 | N/A |
| Harvested Sod | 58.1 | N/A |
| Cattle and Calves | 334.0 | 309.9 |
| Hogs | 28.4 | 30.5 |
| Broilers | 2,630.0 | 2,519.3 |
| Eggs | 298.6 | 281.0 |
| Catfish | 93.3 | 90.7 |
| Dairy | 39.7 | 25.6 |
| Hay | 194.0 | 147.8 |