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
ALABAMA

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
Number of farms  48,500
Principal operators’ primary occupation
  Farming  40%
  Other    60%
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
280,000 acres planted
1,856 operations
27,000,000 bushels
$112,050,000 value of production
Cotton

255,000 acres planted
917 operations
360,000 bales
$111,283,000 value of production
440,000 acres planted
924 operations
17,200,000 bushels
$178,880,000 value of production

Bushels per Harvested Acre
155,000 acres planted
704 operations
471,200,000 pounds
$104,606,000 value of production
220,000 acres planted
518 operations
9,900,000 bushels
$45,540,000 value of production
ALABAMA Forestry

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
## ALABAMA Horticulture

### Floriculture Crops
Bedding/garden plants, cut flowers, and foliage/potted flowering plants
- Sales: $87,088,158
- Firms: 278

### Greenhouse Vegetable Plants and Fresh Cut Herbs
- Sales: $1,954,022
- Firms: 30

### Nursery Stock
- Sales: $99,704,294
- Firms: 306

### Harvested Sod
- Sales: $58,129,093
- Firms: 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
**Tomatoes**

- 1,300 acres harvested
- 403,000 pounds produced
- $12,255,000 value of production

**Watermelons**

- 2,600 acres harvested
- 416,000 pounds produced
- $4,410,000 value of production

**Peaches**

- 4,000 tons produced
- $3,750,000 value of production
Cattle and Calves

24,000 operations with cattle
1,280,000 head
$309,937,000 value of production
Hogs

547 operations
140,000 hogs and pigs
$30,467,000 value of production
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Broilers

2,417 operations
1,002,300,000 broilers
$2,519,304,000 value of production

Total Inventory General Trend
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Egg Production

778 layer operations
2,106,000,000 eggs
$281,043,000 value of production
Catfish

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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
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
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
## Value of Production Estimates

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