

State Highlights for 2002-2003:

- * Total farm and forestry receipts were over \$4.35 billion for the year.
- * Cash receipts from farm commodities totaled \$2.96 billion, versus \$3.45 billion the previous year.
- * The top five farm commodities for cash receipts were: (1) poultry, (2) cattle and calves, (3) greenhouse, sod, and nursery products, (4) cotton and (5) catfish. Together they make up 90 percent of the total commodity receipts.
- * Livestock and poultry accounted for four-fifths (80%) of the cash receipts and crops the other fifth (20%).
- * Poultry made up 65 percent of the total cash receipts.
- * Alabama ranked 3rd in broiler production with marketings of 1.05 billion birds.
- * Laying flocks produced 2.28 billion eggs to rank 13th in egg production.
- * Cattle inventory on January 1, 2003 was 1.44 million head and the state ranked 23rd nationally.
- * Catfish sales amounted to \$76 million. Alabama ranked second behind Mississippi in sales.
- * Principal crops and acreages were: cotton (590,000), corn (200,000), peanuts (190,000), soybeans (170,000), and wheat (150,000).
- * The state ranked 3rd in peanuts and 11th in cotton production.
- * Honey production amounted to 1,032,000 pounds taken from 12,000 bee colonies.
- * Alabama ranked 2nd commercial forest land, with 21.9 million acres.

Alabama's Rank Among States: Crop Production, Livestock, and Poultry 2002

Item	Unit	Rank	Production or Number		Percent of U.S. Amount
			Alabama	United States	
Thousand					
Catfish, annual sales	Dollars	2	76,045	409,828	18.6
Broilers 1/	Birds	3	1,051,300	8,590,180	12.2
Peanuts	Pounds	3	379,250	3,320,490	11.4
Sweet potatoes	Cwt.	6	486	12,498	3.9
Pecans, utilized production	Pounds	7	5,000	172,900	2.9
Peaches, utilized production	Pounds	9	19,000	2,472,500	0.8
Small Farms (sales < \$10,000)	Number	9	34	1,173	2.9
Cotton	Bales	11	570	16,530	3.4
Cottonseed	Tons	11	195	6,184	3.2
Blueberries, utilized production	Pounds	11	400	188,530	0.2
Layers, 20 weeks and older	Birds	13	9,645	337,213	2.9
Eggs	Number	13	2,281,000	86,698,000	2.6
Watermelons, fresh market	Cwt.	14	441	39,204	1.1
Tomatoes, fresh market	Cwt.	14	322	37,302	0.9
Beef cow inventory	Head	14	761	32,947	2.3
Sorghum for grain	Bushels	20	315	369,758	0.1
Sweet corn, fresh market	Cwt.	21	116	26,430	0.1
All cattle and calves	Head	23	1,440	96,106	1.5
Honey	Pounds	25	1,032	171,140	0.6
Hogs and pigs	Head	26	165	58,943	0.3
Soybeans	Bushels	27	3,720	2,729,709	0.1
Hay	Tons	29	1,760	150,962	1.2
Corn for grain	Bushels	29	15,840	9,007,659	0.2
Potatoes	Cwt.	31	554	463,214	0.1
Winter wheat	Bushels	35	2,400	1,142,802	0.2
Milk cows	Head	41	19	9,152	0.2
Milk	Pounds	43	277,000	169,758,000	0.2

1/ U.S. excludes states producing less than 500,000 birds.