



ALABAMA FARM FACTS



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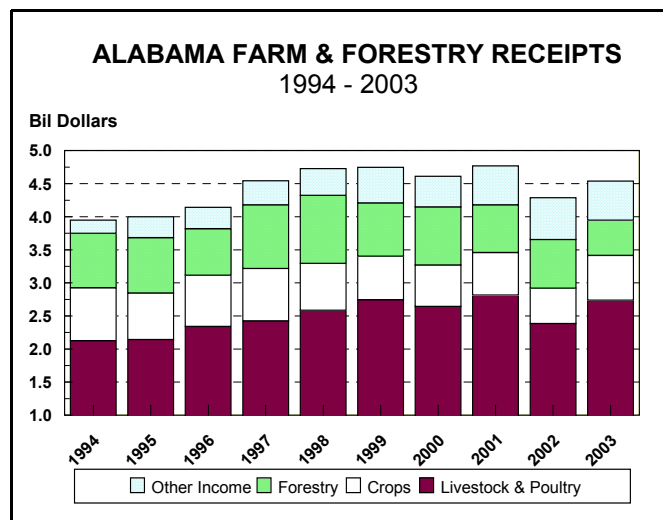
Alabama Farm & Forestry Receipts - 2003

Commodity	Million \$
Broilers	\$1,837.7
Forestry	531.3
Cattle & Calves	425.2
Eggs	295.7
Greenhouse, Sod & Nursery	256.9
Cotton	160.5

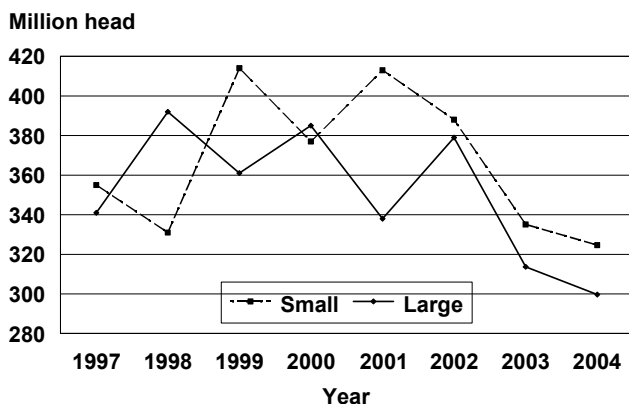
These commodities accounted for a little over 75 percent of Total Farm & Forestry Receipts.

Total Farm & Forestry Receipts \$4,539.4

Total receipts were up 5.9 percent from 2002, due to higher production levels for most farm commodities along with improved prices received by farmers. However, receipts from Forestry were down sharply (28 %) from a year earlier. More detailed information about cash receipts will be available in our annual bulletin, scheduled for release the latter part of September.



Catfish: Stocker Inventory Four Major Producing States, July 1



Major Producing States: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi

Fish Numbers Decline

Based on a recent survey, producers reduced their July 1 inventory of **foodsize** fish 21 percent from comparable time a year earlier. This size group was also down 15 percent from January 1, 2004. **Stocker** inventories were mixed-up 25 percent from July 2003, but down a whopping 56 percent from January 2004.

Water acres for July 2004 were down to 25,700 from 26,000 acres last year this time. The June price paid to producers by processors was 68.9 cents per pound compared with 58.6 a year earlier.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, August 1

Based on conditions August 1, Alabama farmers are looking at near-record yields for major row crops and hay. Thus far, mostly adequate soil moisture along with near-normal temperatures have provided good to excellent conditions throughout the growing season for crops over most of the state. The Alabama Statistical Office queried 303 of the States' farmers about prospects for their crops this year. These monthly yield surveys will continue until harvest is completed this fall. Results of the August 1 survey are shown in the table below.

Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2003	Indicated 2004	2003	Indicated 2004	2003	Indicated 2004	2003	Indicated 2004
ALABAMA		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	525	550	510	545	772	749	820	850
Corn for grain	Bu.	220	270	190	240	122	120	23,180	28,800
Hay	Ton	-	-	780	850	2.6	2.6	2,028	2,210
Soybeans	Bu.	170	210	160	195	36	33	5,760	6,435
Peanuts	Lb.	190	200	185	195	2,750	2,900	508,750	565,500
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	3.0	2.9	1.8	2.8	185	170	333	476
UNITED STATES		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	13,480	13,869	12,003	13,317	730	727	18.3	20.2
Corn for grain	Bu.	78,736	80,968	71,139	73,377	142.2	148.9	10,113.9	10,923.1
Hay	Ton	-	-	63,342	61,589	2.48	2.63	157	162
Soybeans	Bu.	73,404	74,809	72,321	73,655	33.4	39.1	2,417.6	2,876.6
Peanuts	Lb.	1,344	1,386	1,312	1,351	3,159	3,198	4,144	4,320
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	1,275	1,184	1,250	1,166	367	-	458.9	-

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around August 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

