INDEX NUMBERS FOR ALABAMA FARM REAL ESTATE VALUES

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Attached is a list of index numbers that may be used to estimate Alabama Farm Real Estate Values. Index numbers from 1912 through 1986 were taken from various USDA publications. Beginning in 1987 USDA discontinued publishing the index numbers, but continued publication of dollar estimates of farm real estate values and annual percentage changes. The index numbers from 1987 to 2004 were calculated from these published percentage figures.

The following two examples show how to use the index numbers to estimate farm real estate values.

1. Estimate the 1955 value of farm real estate that sold during 2004 for $2,000 per acre.

   1955 Index
   ------------ X 2004 value = estimated 1955 value
   2004 Index

   15.5
   ------ X $2,000 per acre = $88 per acre, estimated 1955 value
   352

2. Estimate the 1987 value of farm real estate that was purchased for $500 per acre in 1969.

   1987 Index
   ------------ X 1969 value = estimated 1987 value
   1969 Index

   149
   ------ X $500 per acre = $1,749 per acre, estimated 1987 value
   42.6
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Source: The current source for Farm Real Estate Values is the Agricultural Land Values and Markets issue of Agricultural Resources, USDA, Economic Research Service. Prior to 1985 the source was Current Developments in the Farm Real Estate Market, USDA, Economic Research Service. For information on ordering Agricultural Resources, contact: Information Division, Room 237, USDA, 1301 New York Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20005-4789.

1 Estimates were as of March 1, 1912-75; February 1, 1976-81; April 1, 1982-85; February 1, 1986; January 1, 1990-Present. Beginning in 1987, the index numbers were calculated from annual percentage changes of Farm Real Estate values reported in Agricultural Resources. Hence, the 1997 index number is equal to the percentage change in Farm Real Estate Values times the 1996 index number plus the 1996 index number.