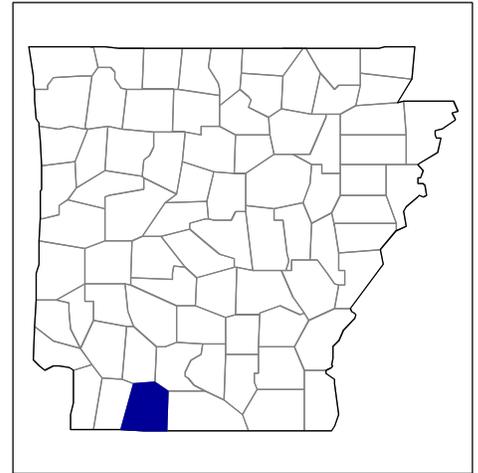


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Columbia, Arkansas



### Number of farms

339 farms in 2002, 345 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Land in farms

55,037 acres in 2002, 61,330 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Average size of farm

162 acres in 2002, 178 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$36,848,000 in 2002, \$41,683,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

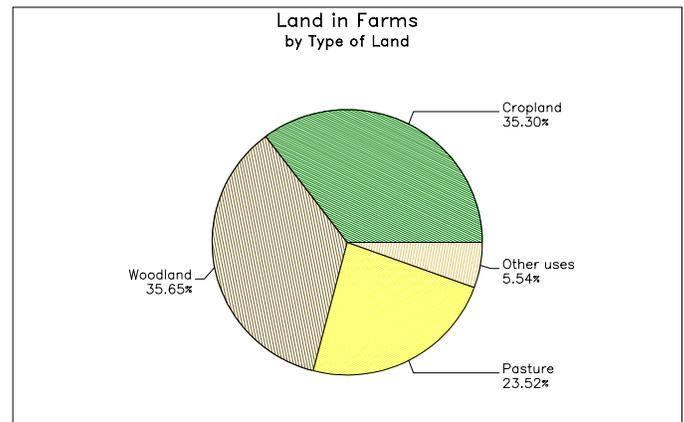
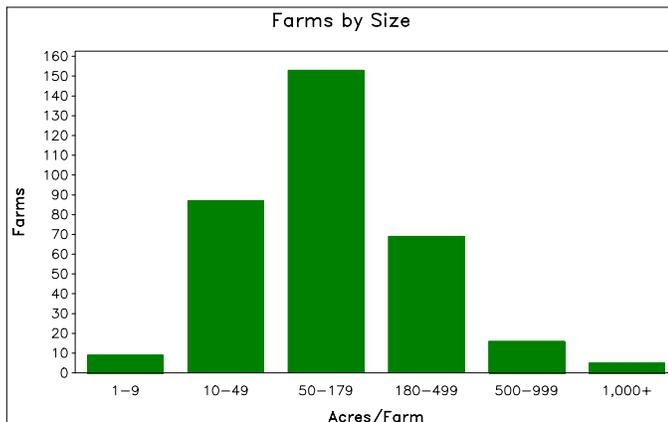
\$108,697 in 2002, \$120,819 in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Government Payments

\$15,000 in 2002, \$20,000 in 1997, down 25 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,128 in 2002, \$1,515 in 1997, down 26 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 75 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	36,848	53	75	1,514	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	75	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	75	(D)	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	21	50	55	2,650	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	25	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	220	22	71	1,338	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	19	55	70	1,978	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	23	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	183	53	75	2,562	3,046
Poultry and eggs	29,677	28	69	236	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	75	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	28	37	69	1,932	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	55	70	2,836	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	158	31	74	1,338	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	45	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,475,740	25	63	168	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	175,333	21	72	306	2,983
Cattle and calves	11,809	44	75	1,919	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,000	30	75	1,283	3,065
Hogs and pigs	240	39	72	1,940	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,235	49	75	1,860	3,059
All Wheat for grain	(D)	44	51	(D)	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	88	24	70	1,312	2,710
Southern peas	38	8	48	105	625
Peaches	(D)	18	51	(D)	1,773

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	78
\$1,000 to \$2,499	52
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62
\$5,000 to \$9,999	46
\$10,000 to \$19,999	32
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7
\$500,000 or more	27
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,811
Average per farm (\$)	87,167
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,993
Average per farm (\$)	40,916

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	176
Other	163
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	313
Female	26
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	470
Black or African American	18
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.