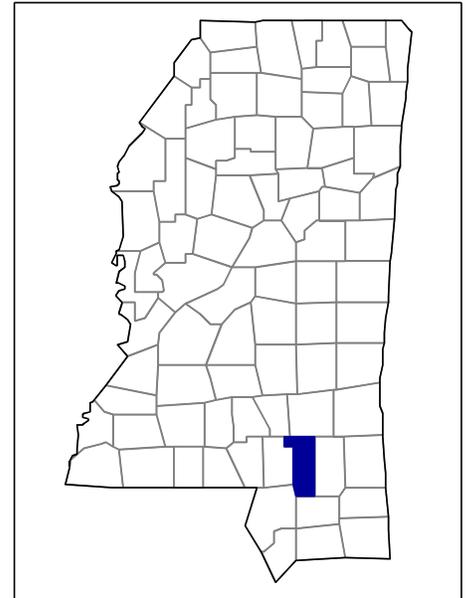


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Forrest, Mississippi



### Number of farms

440 farms in 2002, 435 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Land in farms

45,496 acres in 2002, 58,436 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

### Average size of farm

103 acres in 2002, 134 acres in 1997, down 23 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$13,648,000 in 2002, \$15,935,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,961,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$11,687,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

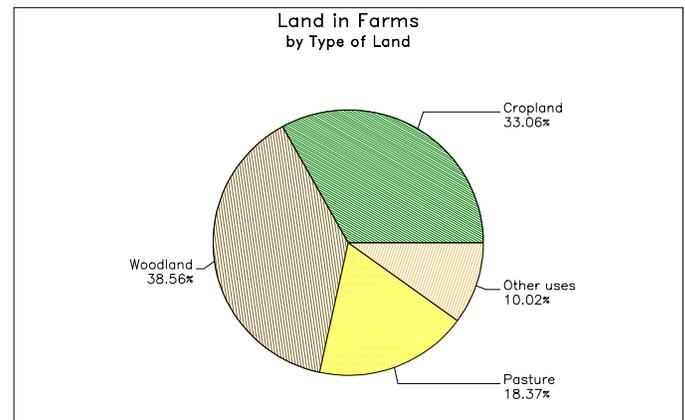
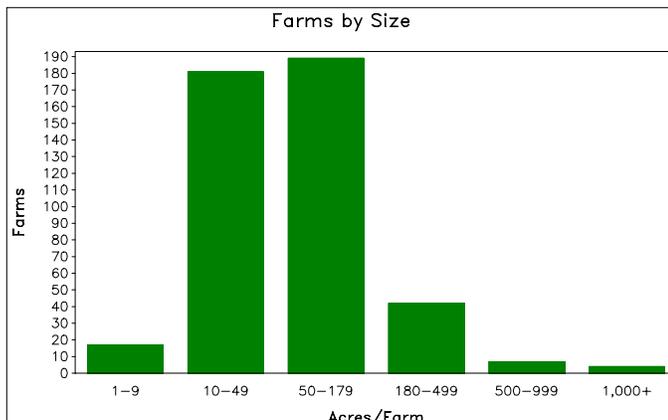
\$31,019 in 2002, \$36,633 in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Government Payments

\$340,000 in 2002, \$403,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,959 in 2002, \$5,296 in 1997, up 13 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 82 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	13,648	50	82	2,327	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,961	60	82	2,512	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,687	36	82	1,751	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	19	76	82	2,663	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	231	24	77	1,309	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	255	21	76	791	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	321	32	70	1,625	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	637	4	82	1,667	3,046
Poultry and eggs	10,043	25	72	451	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,113	63	81	2,503	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	340	35	62	1,820	2,493
Hogs and pigs	29	22	78	1,902	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	154	27	78	1,372	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,121,419	23	63	270	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	24	77	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	6,865	64	81	2,344	3,059
Horses and ponies	916	31	82	1,408	3,065
All Goats	390	22	77	1,227	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,327	69	82	2,547	3,059
All Cotton	(D)	50	62	(D)	663
Peanuts	(D)	1	23	(D)	398
Corn for grain	154	74	82	2,241	2,592
Pecans	(D)	21	76	(D)	1,194

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	168
\$1,000 to \$2,499	84
\$2,500 to \$4,999	57
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19
\$500,000 or more	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,742
Average per farm (\$)	31,233
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,515
Average per farm (\$)	5,717

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	204
Other	236
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	368
Female	72
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	553
Black or African American	27
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	14
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.