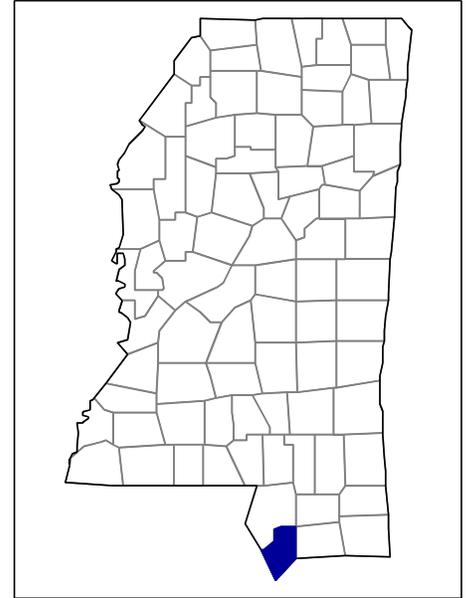


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Number of farms

298 farms in 2002, 344 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

37,721 acres in 2002, 47,548 acres in 1997, down 21 percent.

Average size of farm

127 acres in 2002, 138 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$2,529,000 in 2002, \$2,366,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$683,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,846,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

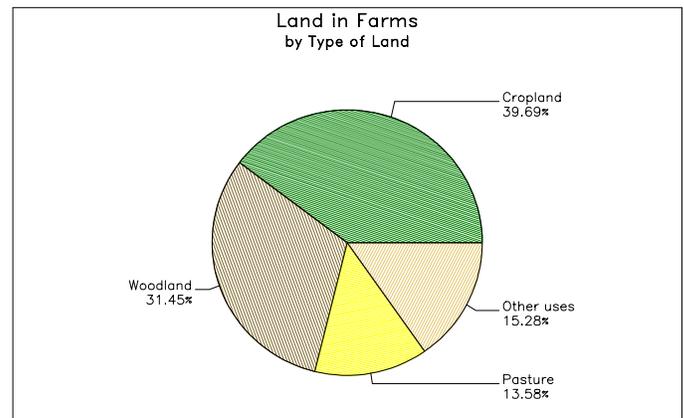
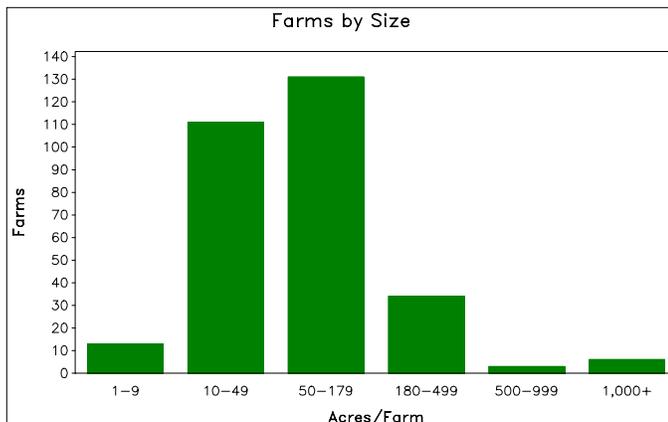
\$8,488 in 2002, \$6,877 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Government Payments

\$96,000 in 2002, \$202,000 in 1997, down 52 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,213 in 2002, \$6,965 in 1997, down 54 percent.



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Ranked items among the 82 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	2,529	82	82	2,915	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	683	78	82	2,835	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,846	73	82	2,738	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1	82	82	2,840	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	61	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	55	56	77	2,005	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	218	23	76	860	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	326	31	70	1,617	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	47	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	84	68	82	2,822	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	65	72	2,594	2,918
Cattle and calves	906	67	81	2,590	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	869	18	62	1,426	2,493
Hogs and pigs	39	21	78	1,786	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	6	35	77	2,504	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	24	69	78	2,703	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	49	61	2,516	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	6,336	66	81	2,389	3,059
Horses and ponies	686	43	82	1,770	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	608	46	77	1,753	2,983
All Goats	460	19	77	1,067	2,971
Quail	403	22	34	529	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,351	68	82	2,540	3,059
Pecans	(D)	20	76	(D)	1,194
Sorghum for silage ³	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	1,387
Sod harvested ³	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	740
Short-rotation woody crops ³	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,262

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	125	Farming	131
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55	Other	167
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	34	Male	278
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Female	20
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	408
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,686	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	9,014	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	394	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	1,322	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

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

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.