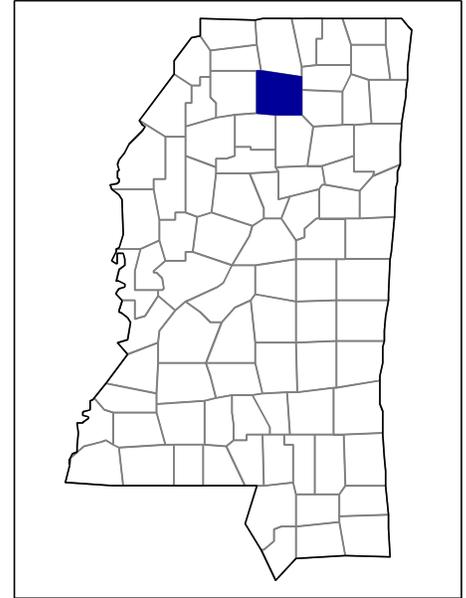


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Number of farms

572 farms in 2002, 497 farms in 1997, up 15 percent.

Land in farms

135,015 acres in 2002, 127,173 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

236 acres in 2002, 256 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$5,517,000 in 2002, \$6,416,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,221,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,296,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

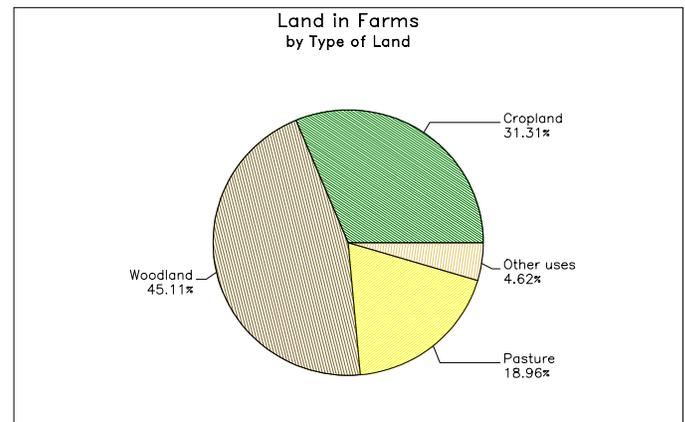
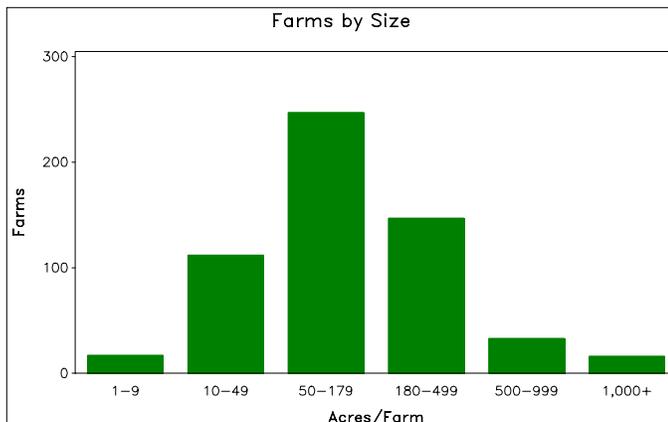
\$9,646 in 2002, \$12,909 in 1997, down 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$675,000 in 2002, \$846,000 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,514 in 2002, \$4,727 in 1997, down 26 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	5,517	77	82	2,749	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,221	46	82	2,310	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,296	69	82	2,663	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	538	45	82	1,981	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	2,176	30	61	274	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	9	71	77	2,491	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	76	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	293	38	82	2,311	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	62	72	2,415	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,067	47	81	2,145	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	75	45	62	2,192	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	51	78	2,609	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(Z)	71	77	2,936	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	148	30	78	1,405	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	61	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	10,166	50	81	2,034	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,022	27	82	1,253	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	336	60	77	2,187	2,983
All Goats	147	53	77	2,058	2,971
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	75	52	63	1,940	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,936	31	82	1,780	3,059
All Cotton	6,109	30	62	305	663
Soybeans	2,545	39	67	1,332	2,076
Corn for grain	1,053	48	82	1,784	2,592
Sod harvested	(D)	5	26	(D)	740

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	278
\$1,000 to \$2,499	77
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61
\$5,000 to \$9,999	78
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,878
Average per farm (\$)	10,294
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,236
Average per farm (\$)	-2,165

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	226
Other	346
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	510
Female	62
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	671
Black or African American	109
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² 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.

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.