

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Howell, Missouri



Number of farms

1,743 farms in 2002, 1,856 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

413,958 acres in 2002, 408,528 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Average size of farm

237 acres in 2002, 220 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$43,768,000 in 2002, \$51,305,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,607,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$40,161,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

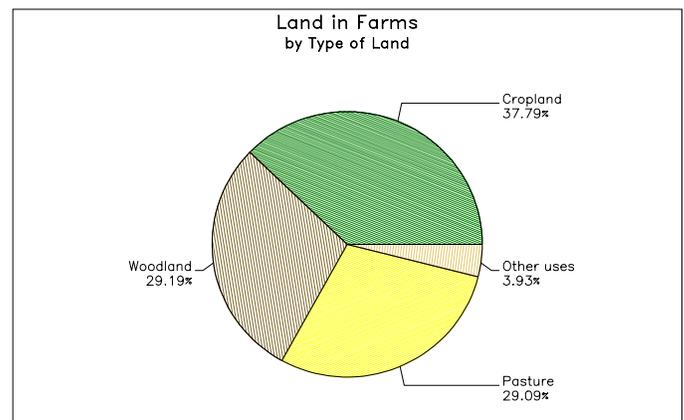
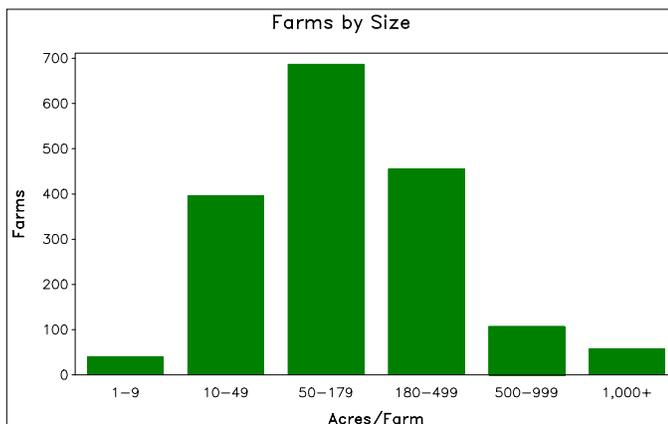
\$25,111 in 2002, \$27,643 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,404,000 in 2002, \$170,000 in 1997, up 726 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,888 in 2002, \$2,104 in 1997, up 85 percent.



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Ranked items among the 114 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	43,768	48	114	1,322	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,607	87	114	2,248	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	40,161	19	114	716	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	78	99	112	2,437	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	20	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	8	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	49	65	104	2,058	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	75	49	105	1,399	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	634	29	108	1,311	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	61	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,772	6	114	451	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	28,963	4	114	317	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	8,755	12	109	423	2,493
Hogs and pigs	127	87	112	1,382	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	260	2	113	336	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	453	16	113	443	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	107	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	93,134	5	114	158	3,059
Turkeys	(D)	21	100	(D)	2,328
Horses and ponies	2,368	14	114	350	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,945	30	113	1,018	2,983
All Goats	1,530	6	113	271	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	59,438	16	114	191	3,059
All Field and grass seed crops	9,283	11	108	31	1,293
Soybeans	549	92	103	1,637	2,076
Corn for silage	408	64	101	1,506	2,307
All Wheat for grain	388	90	111	1,866	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	340
\$1,000 to \$2,499	263
\$2,500 to \$4,999	230
\$5,000 to \$9,999	266
\$10,000 to \$19,999	262
\$20,000 to \$24,999	75
\$25,000 to \$39,999	93
\$40,000 to \$49,999	40
\$50,000 to \$99,999	85
\$100,000 to \$249,999	58
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21
\$500,000 or more	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	46,465
Average per farm (\$)	26,658
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,316
Average per farm (\$)	1,329

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	980
Other	763
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,539
Female	204
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	2,621
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	18
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	2
More than one race	19
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	21

(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.