

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Rutherford, Tennessee

### Number of farms

2,088 farms in 2002, 2,001 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Land in farms

210,754 acres in 2002, 219,581 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

101 acres in 2002, 110 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$19,417,000 in 2002, \$21,214,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,610,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$14,807,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

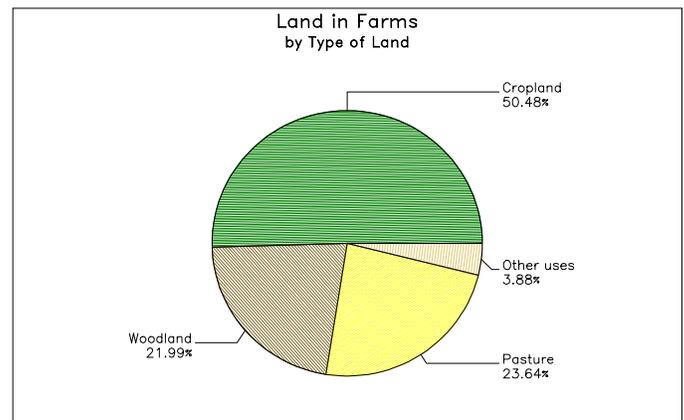
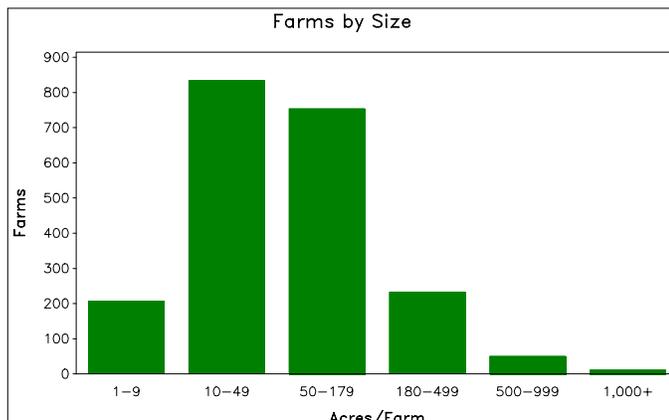
\$9,299 in 2002, \$10,602 in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Government Payments

\$517,000 in 2002, \$395,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,800 in 2002, \$1,813 in 1997, down 1 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 95 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	19,417	47	95	2,116	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,610	51	95	2,114	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,807	28	95	1,555	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,716	33	94	1,625	2,871
Tobacco	91	61	69	405	560
Cotton and cottonseed	341	21	24	458	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	146	49	92	1,519	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	37	49	91	1,720	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,026	34	94	1,083	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	38	13	50	722	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,215	4	95	1,061	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1,027	33	93	947	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,347	30	95	1,332	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,105	21	73	822	2,493
Hogs and pigs	82	37	93	1,526	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	127	10	94	667	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	4,102	1	94	22	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	58,316	29	89	580	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	43,535	9	94	529	2,983
Cattle and calves	39,085	15	95	798	3,059
All Goats	5,575	2	94	52	2,971
Horses and ponies	5,534	1	95	33	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	42,849	11	95	428	3,059
Soybeans	5,611	32	81	1,171	2,076
Corn for grain	3,901	33	94	1,375	2,592
All Cotton	1,399	19	24	457	663
All Wheat for grain	1,359	26	81	1,437	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	699	Farming	1,021
\$1,000 to \$2,499	503	Other	1,067
\$2,500 to \$4,999	320		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	257	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	151	Male	1,820
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Female	268
\$25,000 to \$39,999	50		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	White	2,905
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	45
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	23,877	American Indian or Alaska Native	10
Average per farm (\$)	11,435	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,867	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	-894	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	13

(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.