



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Cape Girardeau, Missouri



Number of farms

1,204 farms in 2002, 1,298 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

260,980 acres in 2002, 275,344 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

217 acres in 2002, 212 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$44,318,000 in 2002, \$47,479,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$23,814,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$20,504,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

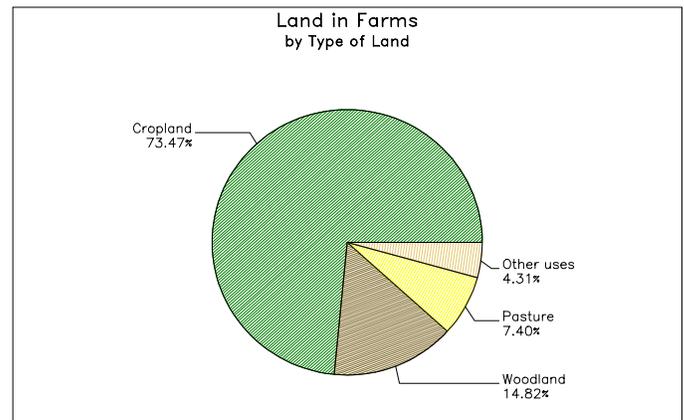
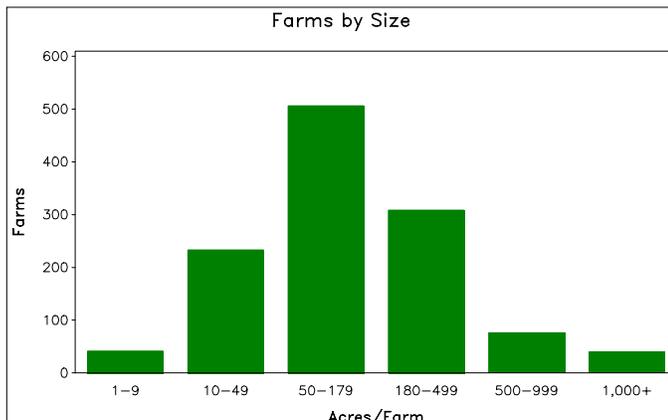
\$36,809 in 2002, \$36,579 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,505,000 in 2002, \$2,260,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,709 in 2002, \$3,889 in 1997, up 21 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	44,318	46	114	1,309	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	23,814	27	114	1,040	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	20,504	54	114	1,275	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,304	42	112	777	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	20	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	8	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	104	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	356	13	105	651	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	31	15	61	796	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,750	30	114	744	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	92	114	2,265	2,918
Cattle and calves	14,265	35	114	738	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,831	20	109	643	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,126	62	112	847	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	20	79	113	1,901	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	253	33	113	881	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	4	81	107	2,110	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	44,284	45	114	681	3,059
Hogs and pigs	8,350	54	112	773	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,474	32	114	783	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	739	76	113	1,617	2,983
Sheep and lambs	288	80	109	1,780	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	53,318	46	103	540	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	45,711	38	114	375	3,059
Corn for grain	25,275	40	107	723	2,592
All Wheat for grain	14,557	17	111	524	2,517
Sorghum for grain	2,933	23	98	313	1,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	253
\$1,000 to \$2,499	138
\$2,500 to \$4,999	139
\$5,000 to \$9,999	170
\$10,000 to \$19,999	165
\$20,000 to \$24,999	50
\$25,000 to \$39,999	78
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	89
\$100,000 to \$249,999	63
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	39,099
Average per farm (\$)	32,528
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,612
Average per farm (\$)	5,501

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	693
Other	511
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,109
Female	95
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,678
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12

(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.