



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Vernon, Missouri



Number of farms

1,399 farms in 2002, 1,408 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

426,450 acres in 2002, 400,026 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

305 acres in 2002, 284 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$80,323,000 in 2002, \$88,304,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$22,385,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$57,938,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

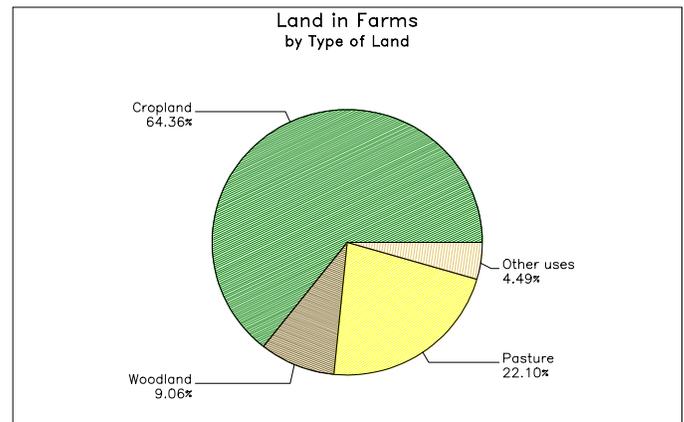
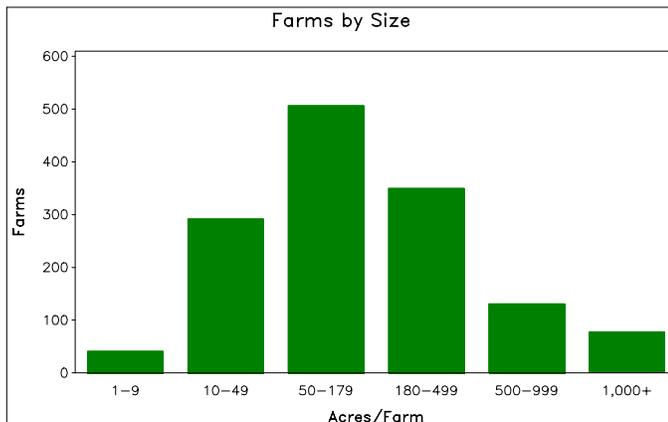
\$57,415 in 2002, \$62,716 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,909,000 in 2002, \$4,131,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,809 in 2002, \$6,415 in 1997, down 9 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	80,323	14	114	696	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,385	31	114	1,079	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	57,938	12	114	460	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	17,959	35	112	729	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	20	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	8	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	200	27	104	1,374	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,342	2	105	225	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	55	87	108	2,233	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	61	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,829	27	114	714	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2,314	24	114	795	2,918
Cattle and calves	14,677	32	114	715	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	922	58	109	1,406	2,493
Hogs and pigs	39,727	3	112	69	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	70	23	113	1,032	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	212	44	113	1,057	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	15	53	107	1,644	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	135,141	5	112	107	2,926
Cattle and calves	62,046	18	114	399	3,059
Turkeys	(D)	19	100	(D)	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,865	33	113	1,043	2,983
Quail	(D)	13	57	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	70,958	26	103	419	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	66,714	11	114	150	3,059
Corn for grain	35,928	30	107	610	2,592
All Wheat for grain	23,637	9	111	416	2,517
All Field and grass seed crops	8,828	14	108	35	1,293

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	290	Farming	779
\$1,000 to \$2,499	190	Other	620
\$2,500 to \$4,999	135		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	198	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	186	Male	1,253
\$20,000 to \$24,999	69	Female	146
\$25,000 to \$39,999	80		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	49	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	97		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	59	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26	White	2,069
\$500,000 or more	20	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	81,040	American Indian or Alaska Native	19
Average per farm (\$)	58,010	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,221	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	3,022	All operators ² 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.

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.