



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Independence, Arkansas



Number of farms

1,117 farms in 2002, 1,146 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

287,849 acres in 2002, 290,445 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

258 acres in 2002, 253 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$89,649,000 in 2002, \$74,413,000 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,348,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$78,301,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

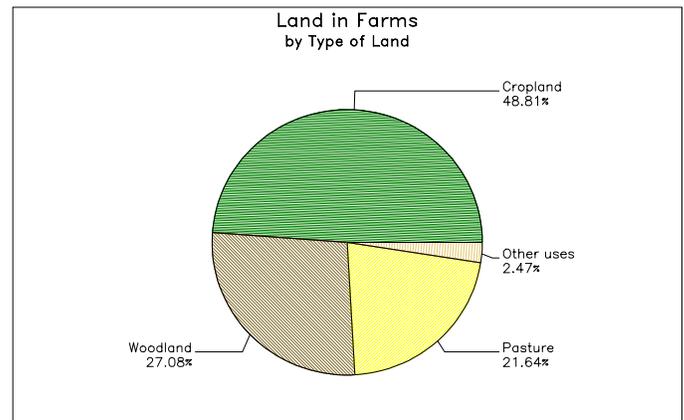
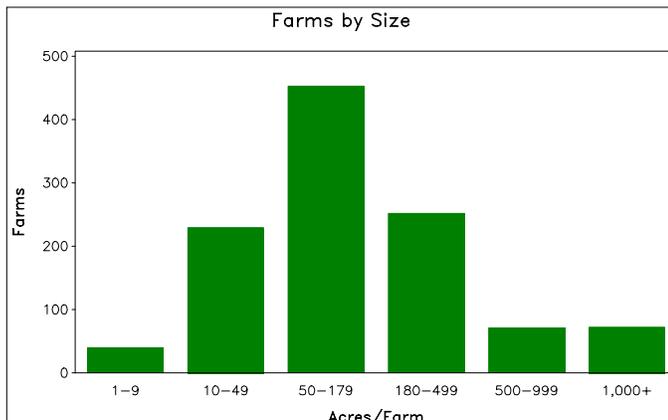
\$80,259 in 2002, \$64,933 in 1997, up 24 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,053,000 in 2002, \$1,034,000 in 1997, up 99 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,848 in 2002, \$8,762 in 1997, up 104 percent.



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Ranked items among the 75 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	89,649	20	75	615	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,348	28	75	1,567	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	78,301	16	75	295	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	9,897	25	55	1,001	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	25	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	73	36	71	1,871	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	63	37	70	1,479	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	73	42	63	2,174	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	23	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,242	5	75	1,044	3,046
Poultry and eggs	68,648	13	69	85	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,948	15	75	1,068	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	245	30	48	1,936	2,493
Hogs and pigs	34	34	69	1,833	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	371	8	74	582	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	31	30	64	1,334	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,565,512	20	63	117	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	155,936	23	72	324	2,983
Cattle and calves	46,143	11	75	639	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,840	7	75	550	3,065
All Goats	801	14	74	624	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	35,248	13	75	585	3,059
Soybeans	32,972	25	46	696	2,076
All Wheat for grain	9,449	26	51	668	2,517
Rice	8,268	26	38	67	150
Corn for grain	6,330	16	50	1,190	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	201
\$1,000 to \$2,499	221
\$2,500 to \$4,999	168
\$5,000 to \$9,999	167
\$10,000 to \$19,999	143
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34
\$100,000 to \$249,999	40
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32
\$500,000 or more	34
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	63,945
Average per farm (\$)	57,299
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	28,297
Average per farm (\$)	25,356

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	601
Other	516
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,005
Female	112
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,598
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	13
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.