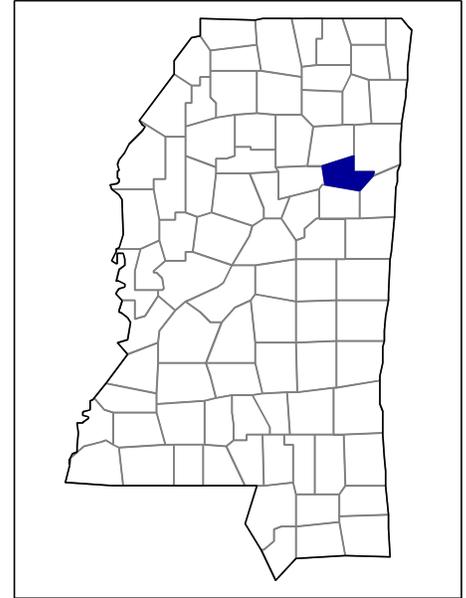


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Number of farms

497 farms in 2002, 500 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

129,019 acres in 2002, 154,849 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

Average size of farm

260 acres in 2002, 310 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$11,582,000 in 2002, \$12,429,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,718,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,864,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

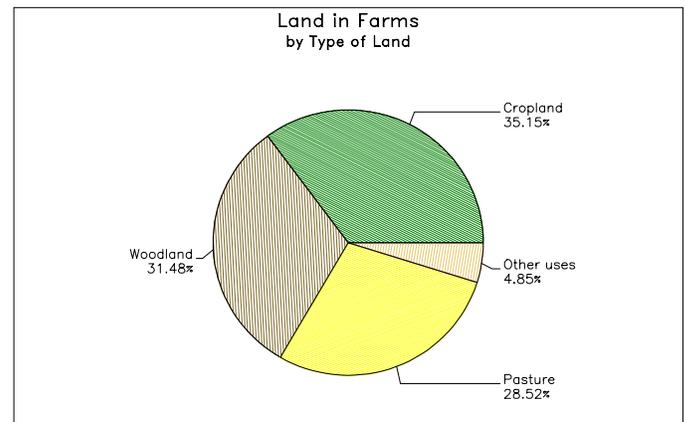
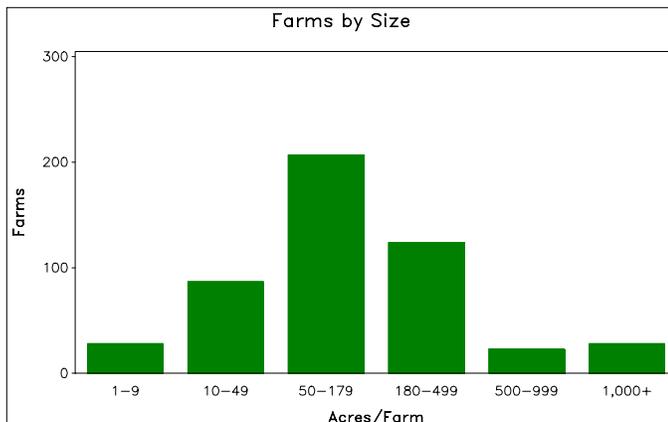
\$23,304 in 2002, \$24,859 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$965,000 in 2002, \$1,025,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,245 in 2002, \$5,665 in 1997, down 7 percent.



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Ranked items among the 82 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	11,582	57	82	2,433	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,718	51	82	2,382	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,864	40	82	1,970	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	580	44	82	1,957	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,364	35	61	324	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	70	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	47	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	70	72	2,731	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,162	7	81	1,358	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	6	34	77	2,500	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	17	72	78	2,811	3,014
Aquaculture	587	19	47	244	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	8	23	61	1,921	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	18,556	22	81	1,533	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	12	78	(D)	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,087	43	77	1,336	2,983
Horses and ponies	542	51	82	2,068	3,065
Colonies of bees	200	12	49	908	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,393	34	82	1,836	3,059
Soybeans	4,584	35	67	1,221	2,076
All Cotton	3,667	40	62	367	663
Corn for grain	1,024	49	82	1,792	2,592
Pecans	(D)	10	76	(D)	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	216
\$1,000 to \$2,499	66
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59
\$5,000 to \$9,999	39
\$10,000 to \$19,999	39
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7
\$500,000 or more	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,975
Average per farm (\$)	28,231
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	43
Average per farm (\$)	87

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	222
Other	275
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	438
Female	59
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	495
Black or African American	118
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.