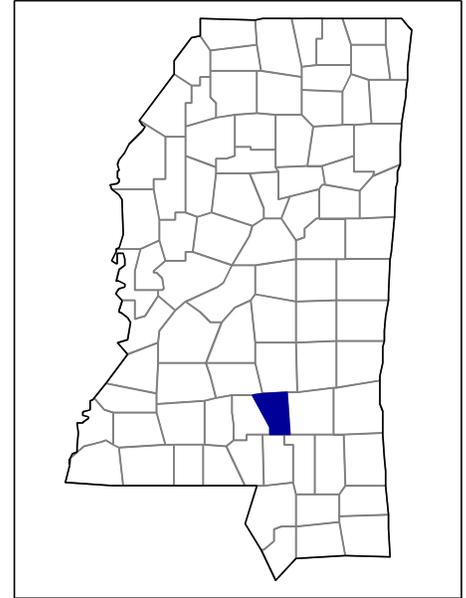




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Covington, Mississippi



### Number of farms

565 farms in 2002, 642 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Land in farms

103,199 acres in 2002, 104,608 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

183 acres in 2002, 163 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$62,473,000 in 2002, \$48,641,000 in 1997, up 28 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,253,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$60,220,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

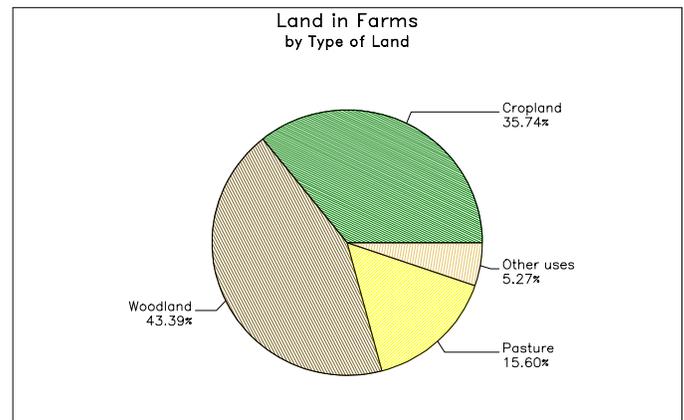
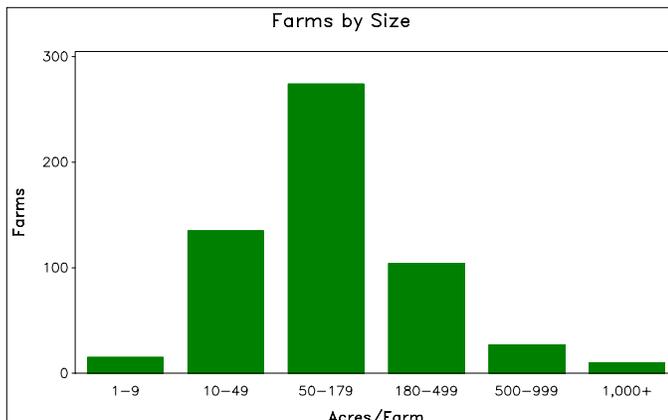
\$110,572 in 2002, \$75,765 in 1997, up 46 percent.

### Government Payments

\$246,000 in 2002, \$630,000 in 1997, down 61 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,925 in 2002, \$4,346 in 1997, down 56 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 82 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	62,473	16	82	917	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,253	53	82	2,464	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	60,220	9	82	433	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	327	51	82	2,116	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	613	12	77	926	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	281	20	76	764	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	58	25	47	590	1,774
Other crops and hay	569	10	82	1,789	3,046
Poultry and eggs	50,376	10	72	132	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,728	1	81	1,013	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	62	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	23	25	78	2,001	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	89	45	78	1,875	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,168,976	11	63	100	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	256,839	3	77	239	2,983
Cattle and calves	28,585	3	81	1,099	3,059
Horses and ponies	674	44	82	1,799	3,065
Pigeons	250	3	17	213	1,368
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,715	37	82	1,907	3,059
Corn for grain	858	52	82	1,837	2,592
All Wheat for grain	812	29	69	1,619	2,517
Soybeans	(D)	50	67	(D)	2,076
Peanuts <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	398

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	201	Farming	282
\$1,000 to \$2,499	90	Other	283
\$2,500 to \$4,999	57	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47	Male	475
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57	Female	90
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	White	701
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11	Black or African American	95
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	40	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	48,888	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	86,835	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,806		
Average per farm (\$)	33,402		

(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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.