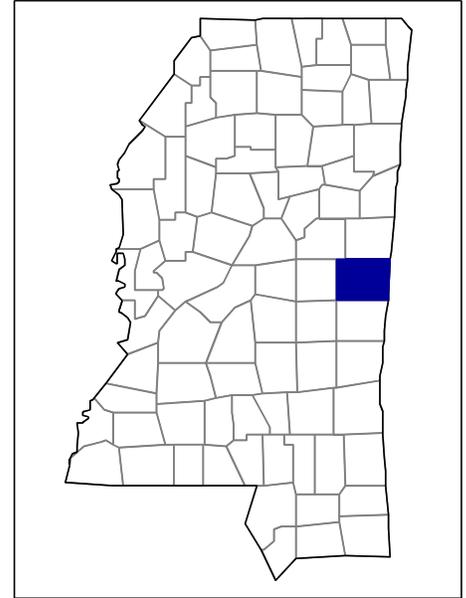


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Number of farms

503 farms in 2002, 555 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

123,017 acres in 2002, 119,716 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

245 acres in 2002, 216 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$9,814,000 in 2002, \$8,665,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$793,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,022,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

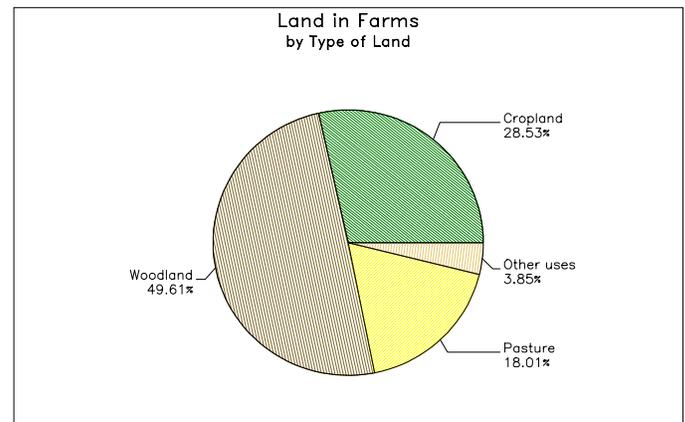
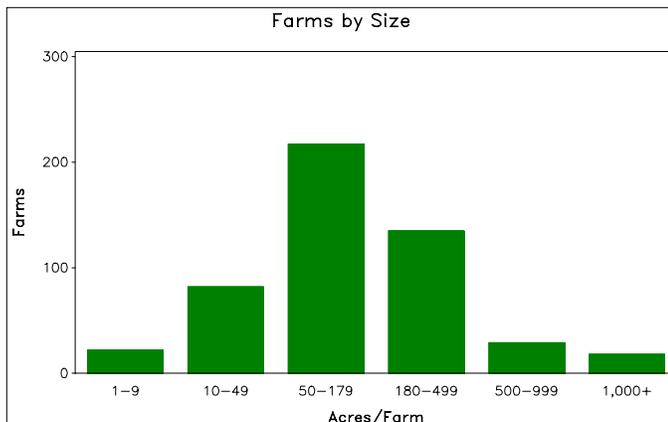
\$19,512 in 2002, \$15,613 in 1997, up 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$281,000 in 2002, \$468,000 in 1997, down 40 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,510 in 2002, \$4,255 in 1997, down 41 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	9,814	62	82	2,515	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	793	75	82	2,801	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,022	39	82	1,952	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	61	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	201	28	77	1,371	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	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	314	33	82	2,273	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	72	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,335	40	81	2,059	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7	37	78	2,419	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	49	77	2,691	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	100	39	78	1,765	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	61	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	199,806	9	77	285	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	34	63	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	13,239	37	81	1,838	3,059
Horses and ponies	626	46	82	1,888	3,065
All Goats	349	28	77	1,343	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,302	27	82	1,741	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)	15	68	(D)	1,262
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	1	55	(D)	1,877
Corn for grain	484	60	82	1,991	2,592
All Wheat for grain	(D)	48	69	(D)	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	210
\$1,000 to \$2,499	70
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53
\$5,000 to \$9,999	85
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7
\$500,000 or more	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,351
Average per farm (\$)	16,635
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	733
Average per farm (\$)	1,461

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	245
Other	258
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	448
Female	55
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	480
Black or African American	145
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.