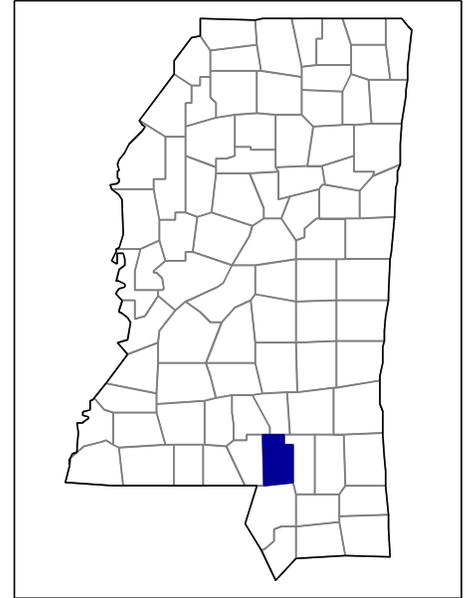


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Lamar, Mississippi



### Number of farms

565 farms in 2002, 535 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Land in farms

74,923 acres in 2002, 77,541 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

133 acres in 2002, 145 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$27,928,000 in 2002, \$39,152,000 in 1997, down 29 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,974,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,954,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

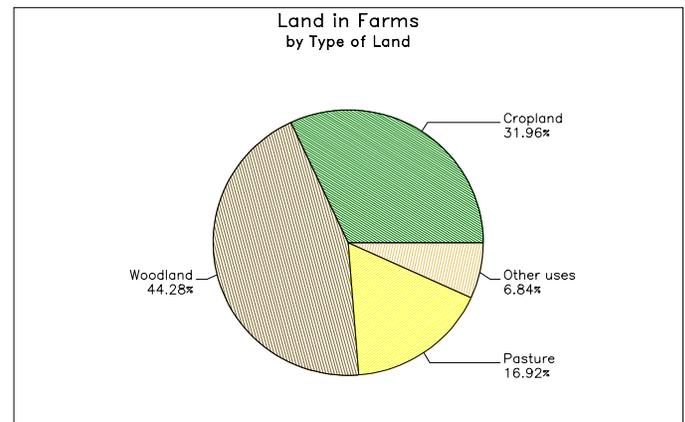
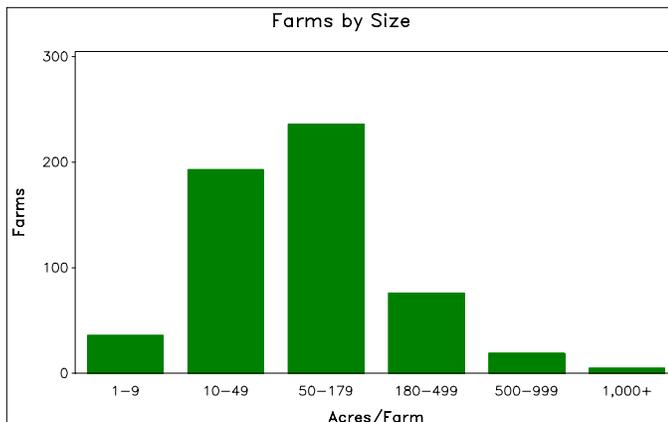
\$49,430 in 2002, \$73,182 in 1997, down 32 percent.

### Government Payments

\$117,000 in 2002, \$190,000 in 1997, down 38 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,855 in 2002, \$2,381 in 1997, down 22 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	27,928	36	82	1,780	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,974	59	82	2,510	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,954	25	82	1,058	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	57	67	82	2,503	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	61	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	421	17	77	1,061	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	631	5	76	462	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	545	22	70	1,379	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	29	30	47	814	1,774
Other crops and hay	290	40	82	2,323	3,046
Poultry and eggs	19,740	19	72	312	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,726	10	81	1,415	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	307	36	62	1,857	2,493
Hogs and pigs	12	31	78	2,264	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	20	77	2,180	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	150	29	78	1,392	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	7	26	61	1,963	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,407,000	15	63	172	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	19,494	32	77	673	2,983
Cattle and calves	18,357	26	81	1,544	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,196	17	82	1,035	3,065
Deer	750	2	11	91	1,080
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,656	50	82	2,102	3,059
Pecans	456	11	76	228	1,194
Corn for grain	405	62	82	2,036	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	323	11	77	774	2,710
Persimmons	270	1	12	4	278

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	183
\$1,000 to \$2,499	102
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53
\$5,000 to \$9,999	68
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20
\$500,000 or more	17
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,240
Average per farm (\$)	37,659
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,708
Average per farm (\$)	11,893

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	252
Other	313
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	512
Female	53
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	800
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.