



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Lowndes, Mississippi

Number of farms

492 farms in 2002, 518 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

149,739 acres in 2002, 160,618 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm

304 acres in 2002, 310 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$39,022,000 in 2002, \$45,330,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,821,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$31,201,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

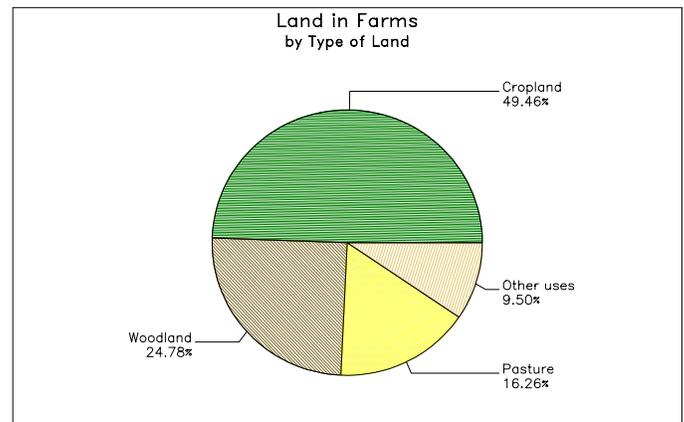
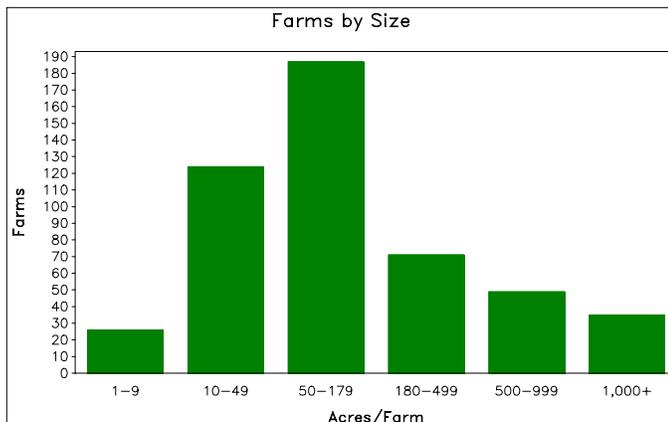
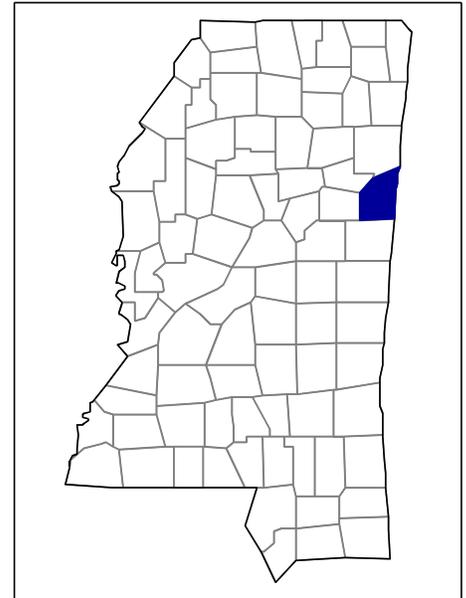
\$79,313 in 2002, \$87,509 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,294,000 in 2002, \$1,519,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,435 in 2002, \$6,691 in 1997, down 4 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	39,022	27	82	1,460	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,821	27	82	1,821	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	31,201	21	82	900	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,704	20	82	1,190	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,219	36	61	337	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	95	49	77	1,751	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	39	55	76	1,700	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	59	72	2,152	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	60	48	62	2,226	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	47	77	2,655	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	48	61	78	2,382	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	11	20	61	1,784	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	4	78	(D)	2,926
Cattle and calves	12,753	40	81	1,862	3,059
Horses and ponies	746	38	82	1,659	3,065
All Goats	377	24	77	1,256	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	208	64	77	2,455	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	15,114	12	82	894	2,592
Soybeans	12,503	28	67	979	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,190	28	82	1,753	3,059
All Cotton	5,413	34	62	322	663
All Wheat for grain	1,475	20	69	1,399	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	227
\$1,000 to \$2,499	59
\$2,500 to \$4,999	47
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11
\$500,000 or more	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	25,234
Average per farm (\$)	50,978
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,646
Average per farm (\$)	31,607

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	216
Other	276
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	422
Female	70
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	600
Black or African American	78
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
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.