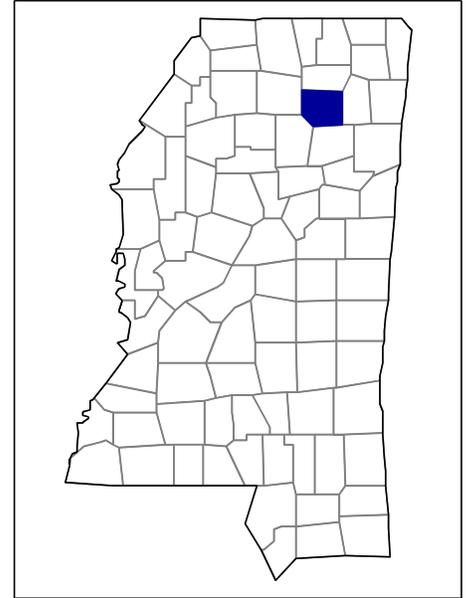


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Pontotoc, Mississippi



### Number of farms

864 farms in 2002, 729 farms in 1997, up 19 percent.

### Land in farms

139,541 acres in 2002, 126,953 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Average size of farm

162 acres in 2002, 174 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$10,956,000 in 2002, \$9,644,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,579,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,377,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

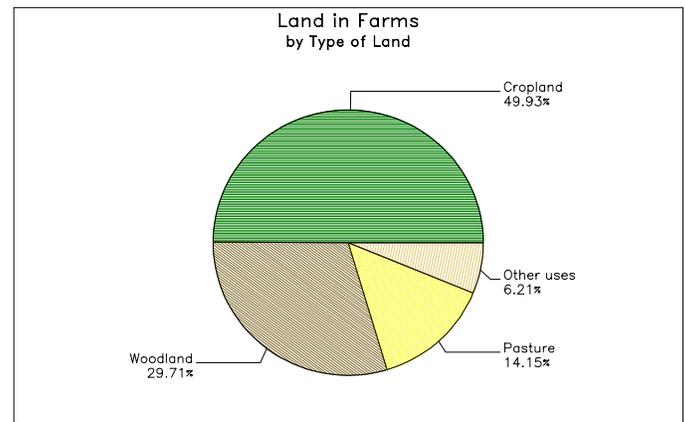
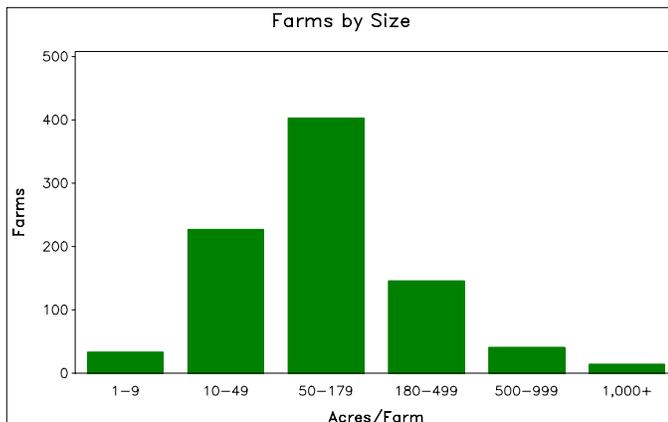
\$12,680 in 2002, \$13,229 in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,333,000 in 2002, \$1,018,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,975 in 2002, \$3,382 in 1997, down 12 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	10,956	58	82	2,466	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,579	36	82	2,119	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,377	49	82	2,190	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,602	29	82	1,480	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,029	39	61	352	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	317	19	76	699	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	47	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	319	30	82	2,263	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	72	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	32	78	2,332	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	29	77	2,408	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	140	34	78	1,454	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	8	24	61	1,926	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	27	63	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	13,102	38	81	1,846	3,059
Quail	(D)	8	34	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	1,393	11	82	845	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	514	50	77	1,882	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	20,177	19	67	840	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,115	16	82	1,582	3,059
All Cotton	4,553	36	62	341	663
Corn for grain	1,940	40	82	1,567	2,592
All Wheat for grain	706	30	69	1,668	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	442
\$1,000 to \$2,499	119
\$2,500 to \$4,999	89
\$5,000 to \$9,999	89
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,357
Average per farm (\$)	15,441
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	618
Average per farm (\$)	714

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	331
Other	533
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	728
Female	136
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,042
Black or African American	42
American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17

(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.