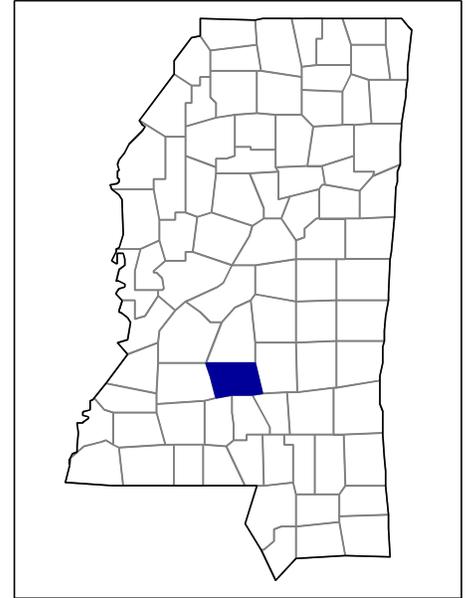


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Number of farms

684 farms in 2002, 745 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

103,822 acres in 2002, 112,990 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

152 acres in 2002, 152 acres in 1997, unchanged.

Market Value of Production

\$127,153,000 in 2002, \$127,050,000 in 1997, up slightly.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,100,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$125,053,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

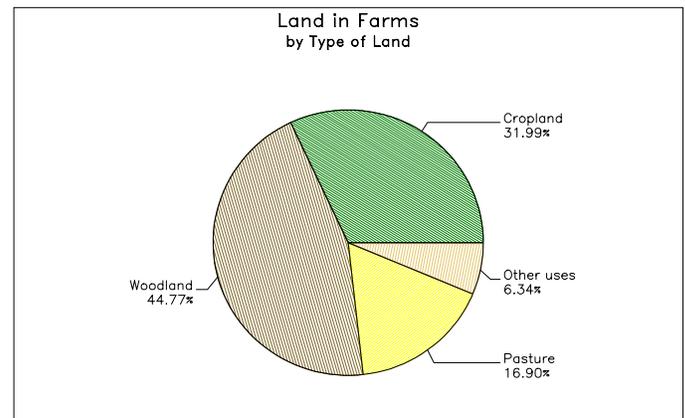
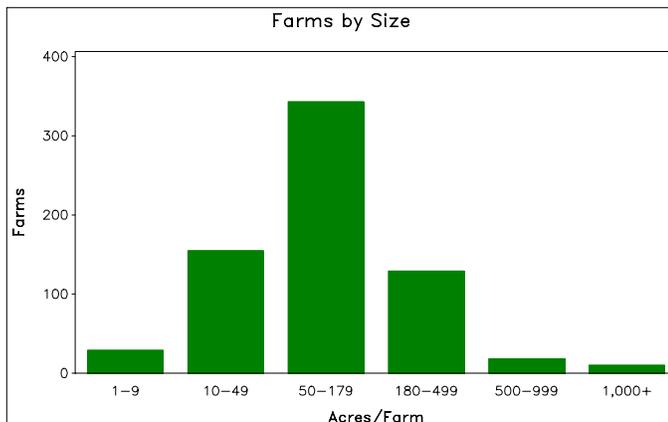
\$185,896 in 2002, \$170,536 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$406,000 in 2002, \$312,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,150 in 2002, \$2,764 in 1997, up 14 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	127,153	4	82	337	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,100	57	82	2,493	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	125,053	4	82	145	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	355	50	82	2,091	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	61	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,227	8	77	696	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	76	-	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	356	21	82	2,171	3,046
Poultry and eggs	120,474	3	72	32	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,043	19	81	1,686	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	345	34	62	1,814	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	89	46	78	1,876	3,014
Aquaculture	7	36	47	1,031	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	46	61	2,490	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	11,663,680	4	63	18	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	222,259	7	77	272	2,983
Cattle and calves	19,819	17	81	1,460	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,118	22	82	1,130	3,065
Hogs and pigs	(D)	18	78	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,264	35	82	1,856	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	1,977	3	68	19	1,262
Corn for grain	1,423	44	82	1,690	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	528	5	77	618	2,710
Watermelons	341	2	61	114	1,753

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	242
\$1,000 to \$2,499	91
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51
\$5,000 to \$9,999	62
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33
\$500,000 or more	103
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	86,016
Average per farm (\$)	125,571
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	39,358
Average per farm (\$)	57,457

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	407
Other	277
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	599
Female	85
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	796
Black or African American	105
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.