

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Meigs, Tennessee

#### Number of farms

340 farms in 2002, 410 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

#### Land in farms

48,918 acres in 2002, 54,602 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

#### Average size of farm

144 acres in 2002, 133 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$5,642,000 in 2002, \$4,879,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$841,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,801,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

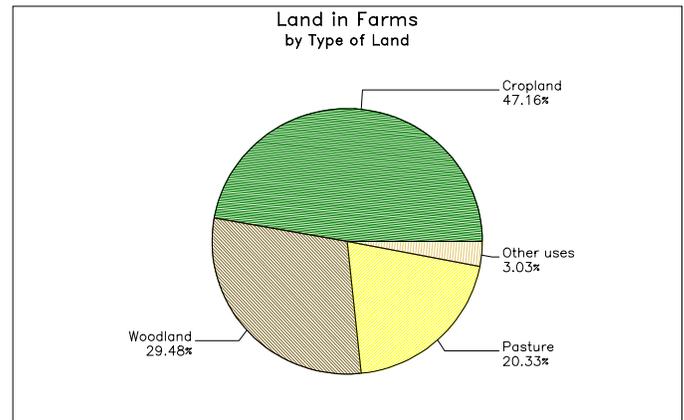
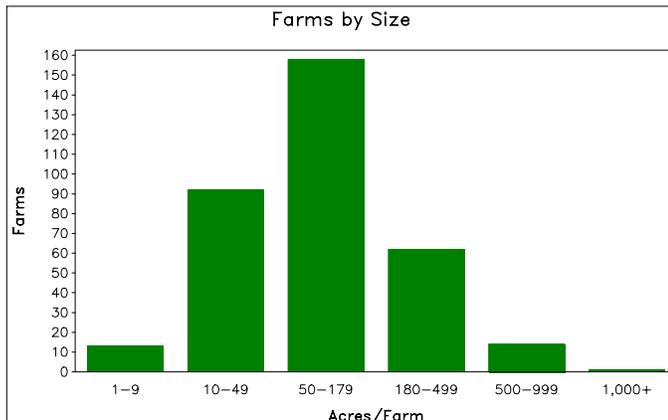
\$16,593 in 2002, \$11,899 in 1997, up 39 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$140,000 in 2002, \$94,000 in 1997, up 49 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,418 in 2002, \$1,232 in 1997, up 177 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 95 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	5,642	81	95	2,736	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	841	90	95	2,780	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,801	63	95	2,364	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	194	53	69	370	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	24	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	377	52	94	1,548	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	145	88	95	2,668	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,524	57	95	1,784	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,166	41	73	1,288	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1	93	94	2,873	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	77	79	94	2,014	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	52	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	20	40	89	1,516	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	12,738	64	95	1,863	3,059
Horses and ponies	513	80	95	2,127	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	387	75	94	2,091	2,983
All Goats	235	83	94	1,688	2,971
Llamas	89	10	68	410	2,112
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,518	66	95	1,719	3,059
Soybeans	490	61	81	1,660	2,076
Corn for silage	486	41	82	1,435	2,307
Corn for grain	302	77	94	2,114	2,592
All Wheat for grain <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	82	Farming	175
\$1,000 to \$2,499	75	Other	165
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50	Male	308
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42	Female	32
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	White	468
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	Black or African American	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,271	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	15,594	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-101		
Average per farm (\$)	-300		

(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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.