

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Roane, Tennessee

### Number of farms

722 farms in 2002, 657 farms in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Land in farms

63,378 acres in 2002, 59,391 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Average size of farm

88 acres in 2002, 90 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$5,660,000 in 2002, \$6,901,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,782,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,878,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

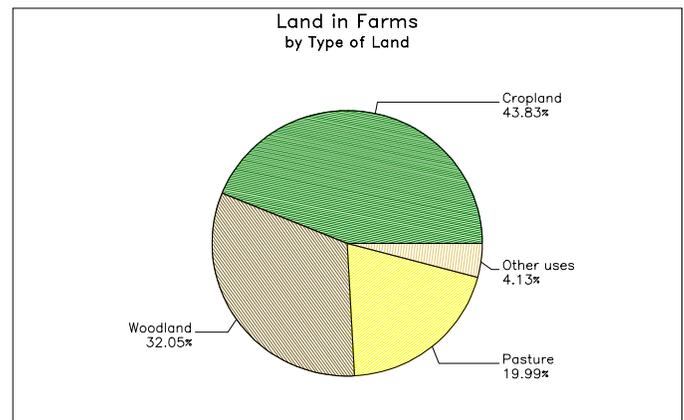
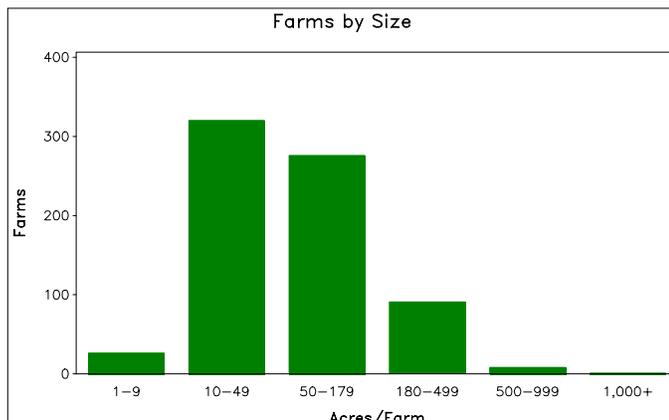
\$7,839 in 2002, \$10,504 in 1997, down 25 percent.

### Government Payments

\$143,000 in 2002, \$25,000 in 1997, up 472 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,697 in 2002, \$1,206 in 1997, up 41 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                               | 5,660    | 80         | 95                    | 2,733     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 1,782    | 78         | 95                    | 2,541     | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 3,878    | 69         | 95                    | 2,464     | 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   | 119      | 59         | 69                    | 396       | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | 24                    | -         | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | 272      | 34         | 92                    | 1,226     | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 14       | 63         | 91                    | 2,101     | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | 987      | 37         | 94                    | 1,104     | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | (D)      | (D)        | 50                    | (D)       | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 370      | 53         | 95                    | 2,134     | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)      | (D)        | 93                    | (D)       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | (D)      | (D)        | 95                    | (D)       | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 627      | 51         | 73                    | 1,553     | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 14       | 63         | 93                    | 2,177     | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | 10       | 68         | 94                    | 2,302     | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 208      | 54         | 94                    | 1,077     | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | 124      | 13         | 52                    | 536       | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | (D)      | (D)        | 89                    | (D)       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens                                   | (D)      | 30         | 89                    | (D)       | 2,599                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 13,923   | 59         | 95                    | 1,799     | 3,059                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older   | 1,303    | 37         | 94                    | 1,205     | 2,983                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 1,216    | 50         | 95                    | 1,018     | 3,065                 |
| Colonies of bees  | 366      | 10         | 84                    | 696       | 2,392                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 14,627   | 54         | 95                    | 1,391     | 3,059                 |
| Corn for silage   | 207      | 58         | 82                    | 1,753     | 2,307                 |
| All Vegetables harvested  | 106      | 38         | 90                    | 1,221     | 2,710                 |
| Corn for grain  | 98       | 87         | 94                    | 2,314     | 2,592                 |
| Sweet corn  | 87       | 5          | 85                    | 532       | 2,279                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 217      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 184      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 127      |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 105      |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 47       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 4        |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 19       |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 3        |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 11       |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 2        |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 2        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 1        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 8,293    |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 11,486   |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | -3,332   |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | -4,615   |

| Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Farming   | 362      |
| Other   | 360      |
| Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| Male  | 639      |
| Female  | 83       |
| Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 56.8     |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| White   | 987      |
| Black or African American   | 3        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 10       |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| Asian   | 1        |
| More than one race  | 7        |
| All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 14       |

(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.