

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



COVINGTON MISSISSIPPI

Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 79,962 acres in 1992 to 85,666 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 166 acres in 1992 to 180 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 215 farms in 1992 to 194 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

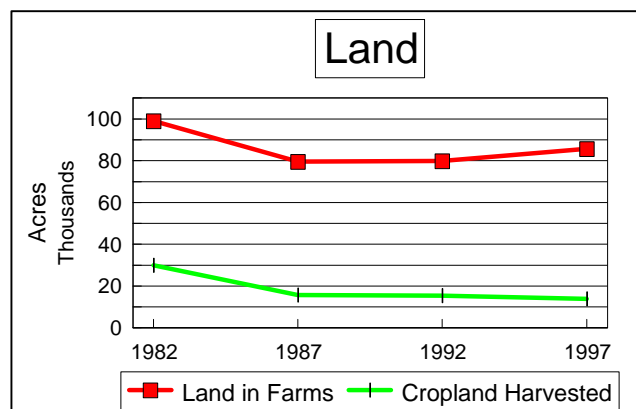
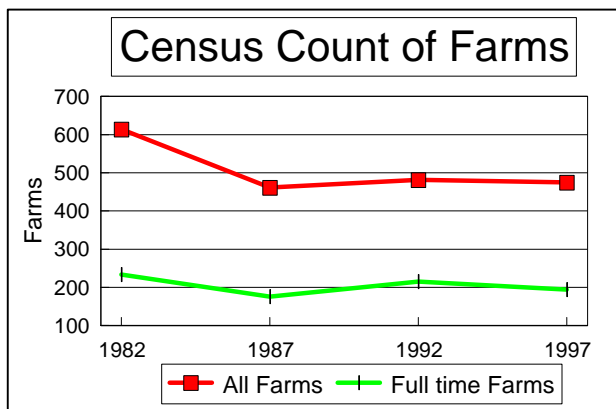
Increased 57 percent to \$43,452,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 59 percent from \$57,512 in 1992 to \$91,479 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	43,452	27	82	1,344	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	39,623	16	82	681	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,830	45	82	2,260	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	33,537	12	72	185	2,901
Cattle and calves	5,904	5	82	1,332	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	9	71	853	2,790
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	4	45	492	2,237
Corn for grain	458	41	81	1,588	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	9,805,082	17	45	193	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	10	46	252	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	13,312	9	82	1,350	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	11	50	544	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	29	74	1,960	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,252,681	13	61	146	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	251,385	6	78	263	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	12	47	277	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	22,441	14	82	1,426	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	977	21	76	707	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,840	36	82	1,826	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,610	45	82	1,712	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,386	53	76	1,498	2,144
Wheat-acres	972	24	62	1,668	2,612
Cotton-acres	(D)	52	61	506	713

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	323	327	-1
\$10,000 or more	152	155	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,427	23,970	44
Average per farmdollars..	72,479	49,731	46
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,950	2,796	184
Average per farmdollars..	16,736	5,801	189
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	443	451	-2
Partnership or corporation	28	28	
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	194	215	-10
Other	281	267	5
Operators by sex:			
Male	407	431	-6
Female	68	51	33
Operators by race:			
White	440	447	-2
Black and other races	35	35	
Average age of operator	56.3	55.9	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.