

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 24 percent from 37,147 acres in 1992 to 46,036 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 159 acres in 1992 to 158 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 16 percent from 98 farms in 1992 to 114 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

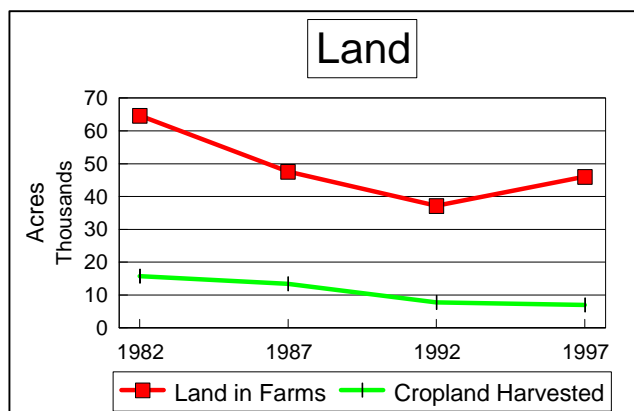
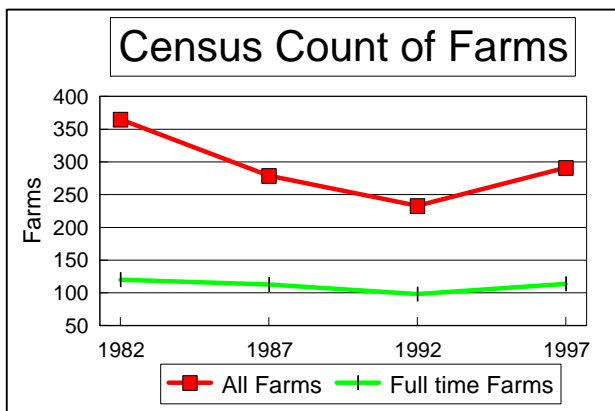
Increased 40 percent to \$11,952,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 12 percent from \$36,711 in 1992 to \$41,072 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	11,952	51	82	2,418	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	9,176	35	82	1,918	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,777	47	82	2,399	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	7,515	24	72	496	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,170	60	82	2,463	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	3	45	468	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	43	61	423	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	371	26	71	1,469	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,244,018	23	45	286	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	3,755	60	82	2,358	3,063
All goats sold	111	19	75	836	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	89	12	78	1,041	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	69	61	74	2,651	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	707,970	22	61	281	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	6,799	65	82	2,419	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	464	32	76	1,055	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	327	45	82	2,117	3,066
All goat inventory	129	50	81	1,536	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	3,366	67	82	2,517	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	44	61	440	713
Peanuts-acres	(D)	1	34	171	466
Corn for grain-acres	358	66	82	2,141	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	215	17	82	735	2,693

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	230	185	24
\$10,000 or more	61	48	27
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,285	7,389	39
Average per farmdollars..	35,345	31,713	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	699	763	-8
Average per farmdollars..	2,401	3,275	-27
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	259	218	19
Partnership or corporation	31	14	121
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	114	98	16
Other	177	135	31
Operators by sex:			
Male	253	207	22
Female	38	26	46
Operators by race:			
White	279	229	22
Black and other races	12	4	200
Average age of operator	57.1	54.2	5

(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.