

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



HANCOCK MISSISSIPPI

Land in farms

Increased 21 percent from 30,050 acres in 1992 to 36,237 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 174 acres in 1992 to 152 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 48 percent from 52 farms in 1992 to 77 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

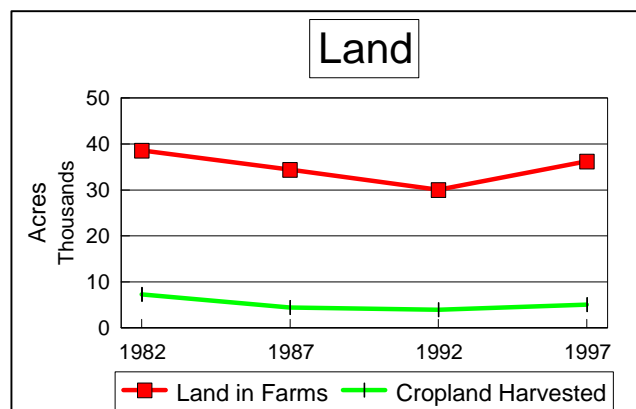
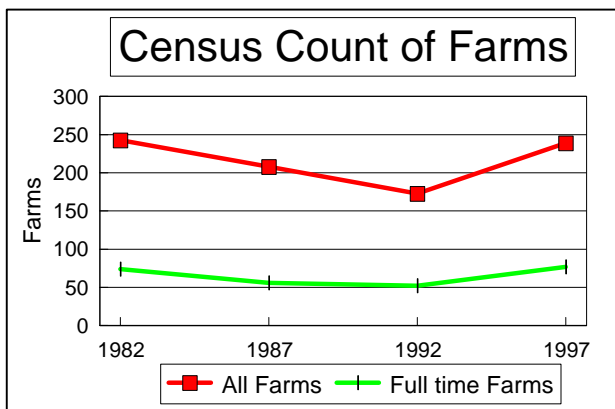
Decreased 6 percent to \$2,139,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 32 percent from \$13,089 in 1992 to \$8,951 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	2,139	82	82	2,937	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,648	77	82	2,783	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	491	78	82	2,874	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,154	61	82	2,471	3,063
Dairy products	416	31	55	1,833	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	183	39	79	2,411	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	157	7	75	765	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	124	43	71	1,954	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,578	63	82	2,382	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	327	38	74	2,231	2,976
All goats sold	89	24	75	980	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	29	45	78	2,170	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	21	32	53	2,498	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,673	61	82	2,348	3,064
All goat inventory	444	11	81	544	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	405	30	77	1,960	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	278	49	82	2,282	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	144	52	78	2,489	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,452	61	82	2,360	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	297	12	82	620	2,693
All nursery-acres	112	20	68	1,156	2,619
Total berries-acres	91	5	59	148	2,058
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	80	82	2,384	2,691

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	193	136	42
\$10,000 or more	46	37	24
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,602	1,654	57
Average per farmdollars..	10,932	9,558	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(253)	(3)	-8333
Average per farmdollars..	(1,063)	(18)	-5806
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	222	167	33
Partnership or corporation	17	4	325
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	77	52	48
Other	162	121	34
Operators by sex:			
Male	222	157	41
Female	17	16	6
Operators by race:			
White	236	172	37
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	54.5	52.7	3

(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.