

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



HOLMES MISSISSIPPI

Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 223,406 acres in 1992 to 189,866 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 524 acres in 1992 to 539 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 33 percent from 221 farms in 1992 to 148 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

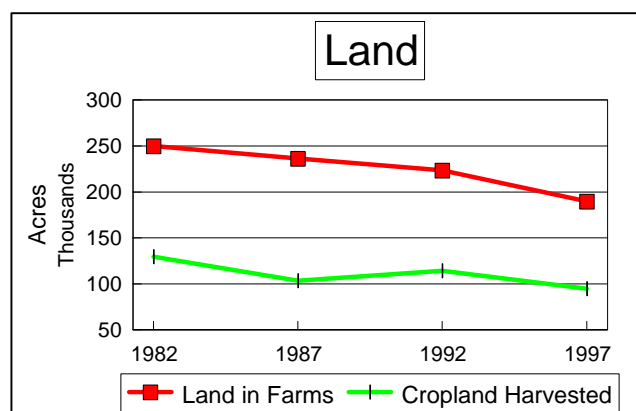
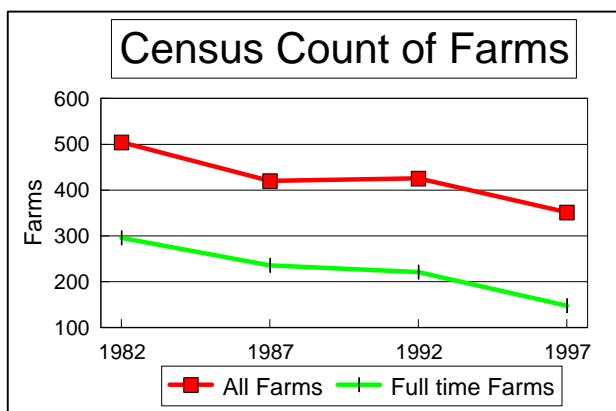
Decreased 5 percent to \$37,086,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$91,460 in 1992 to \$105,359 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	37,086	28	82	1,516	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	34,812	12	82	827	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,274	72	82	2,684	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	21,273	10	61	70	709
Soybeans	7,255	15	76	638	2,136
Corn for grain	5,416	8	81	776	2,582
Cattle and calves	1,962	47	82	2,179	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	242	20	79	2,214	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,296	50	82	2,123	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	489	33	74	2,063	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	74	17	78	1,244	3,015
All goats sold	23	56	75	1,942	2,686
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	41	45	1,686	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,468	51	82	2,102	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	440	29	77	1,924	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	274	50	82	2,301	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	190	46	78	2,335	3,002
All goat inventory	151	45	81	1,413	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	34,943	16	76	634	2,144
Cotton-acres	34,930	10	61	105	713
Corn for grain-acres	16,339	8	82	884	2,691
Hay crops-acres	7,059	48	82	2,015	3,061
Wheat-acres	1,338	21	62	1,574	2,612

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	233	231	1
\$10,000 or more	119	195	-39
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,120	35,593	-18
Average per farmdollars..	82,726	83,553	-1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,740	3,008	91
Average per farmdollars..	16,308	7,062	131
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	290	347	-16
Partnership or corporation	61	78	-22
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	148	221	-33
Other	204	205	-0
Operators by sex:			
Male	315	389	-19
Female	37	37	
Operators by race:			
White	274	306	-10
Black and other races	78	120	-35
Average age of operator	55.5	53.8	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.