

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



LAFAYETTE MISSISSIPPI

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 98,816 acres in 1992 to 102,123 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 267 acres in 1992 to 275 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 133 farms in 1992 to 111 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

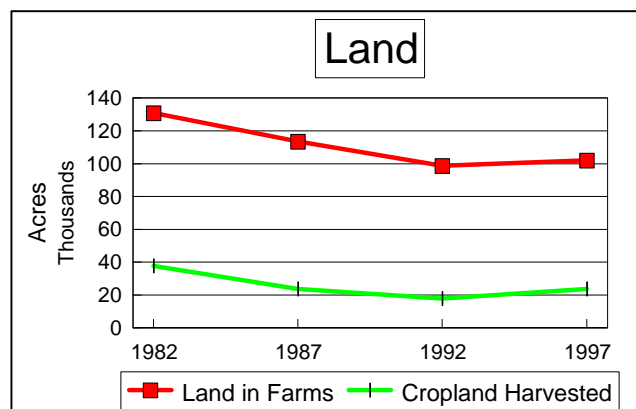
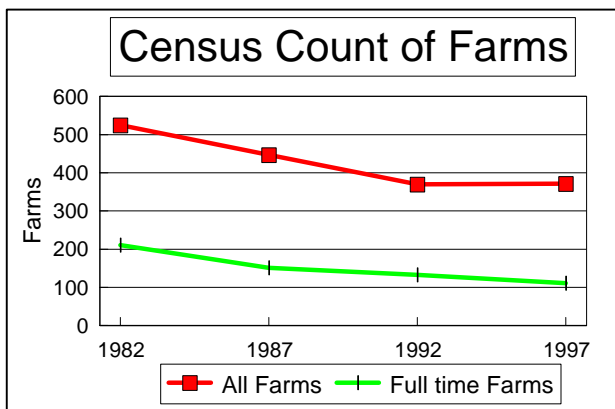
Increased 37 percent to \$6,125,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$12,105 in 1992 to \$16,465 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	6,125	72	82	2,703	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,279	42	82	2,205	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,846	76	82	2,753	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	2,860	29	61	301	709
Cattle and calves	1,745	51	82	2,259	3,063
Soybeans	729	41	76	1,251	2,136
Corn for grain	445	42	81	1,597	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	213	30	79	2,306	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,129	51	82	2,147	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	55	74	2,542	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	82	13	78	1,134	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	68	75	2,353	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	47	53	2,690	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,248	53	82	2,128	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	452	29	82	1,731	3,066
All goat inventory	106	56	81	1,695	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	56	76	1,989	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	54	64	78	2,790	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,159	28	82	1,705	3,061
Cotton-acres	7,477	26	61	285	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,975	42	76	1,260	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	2,003	41	82	1,644	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	41	63	2,094	2,473

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	306	279	10
\$10,000 or more	66	91	-27
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,676	4,262	33
Average per farmdollars..	15,258	11,519	32
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(116)	296	-139
Average per farmdollars..	(311)	799	-139
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	319	330	-3
Partnership or corporation	48	37	30
Other	5	3	67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	111	133	-17
Other	261	237	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	336	348	-3
Female	36	22	64
Operators by race:			
White	347	356	-3
Black and other races	25	14	79
Average age of operator	57.5	57.5	

(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.