

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## LAUDERDALE MISSISSIPPI

### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 80,683 acres in 1992 to 74,742 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 198 acres in 1992 to 210 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 126 farms in 1992 to 99 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

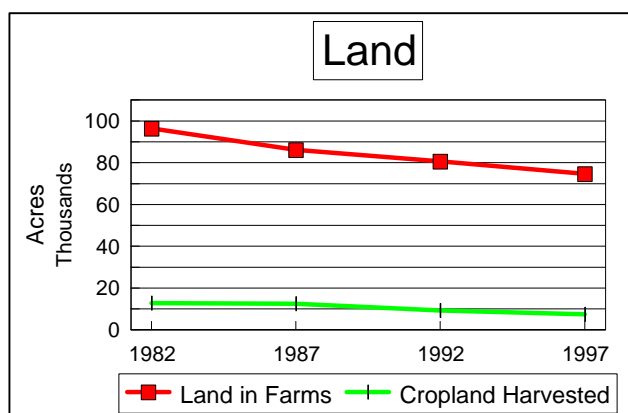
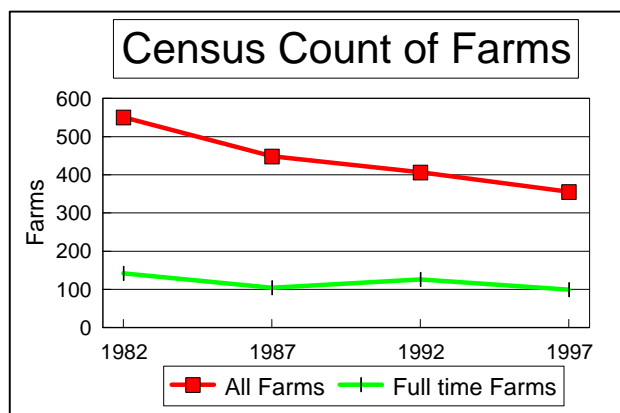
Decreased 8 percent to \$4,733,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$12,664 in 1992 to \$13,295 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,733	77	82	2,779	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,620	66	82	2,633	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,113	52	82	2,495	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,012	46	82	2,159	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	4	71	723	2,790
Aquaculture	(D)	18	54	179	1,505
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	123	50	79	2,597	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	71	20	75	1,064	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	5,821	46	82	2,036	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	384	36	74	2,166	2,976
All goats sold	55	36	75	1,371	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	43	22	53	2,323	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	28	47	78	2,199	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	11,751	45	82	1,993	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	638	27	76	902	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	473	24	82	1,671	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	237	38	77	2,191	3,005
All goat inventory	171	42	81	1,301	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,145	46	82	2,003	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	103	79	82	2,365	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	50	30	77	1,557	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	48	48	82	1,430	2,693
Oats-acres	(D)	11	30	1,923	2,332

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	292	348	-16
\$10,000 or more .....	64	59	8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	4,241	4,126	3
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,913	10,139	17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	96	575	-83
Average per farm .....dollars..	270	1,412	-81
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	333	386	-14
Partnership or corporation .....	19	20	-5
Other .....	4	1	300
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	99	126	-21
Other .....	257	281	-9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	315	369	-15
Female .....	41	38	8
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	318	384	-17
Black and other races .....	38	23	65
Average age of operator .....	57.6	57.9	-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.