

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



LOWNDES MISSISSIPPI

Land in farms

Increased 15 percent from 125,713 acres in 1992 to 145,098 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 368 acres in 1992 to 384 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 152 farms in 1992 to 144 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

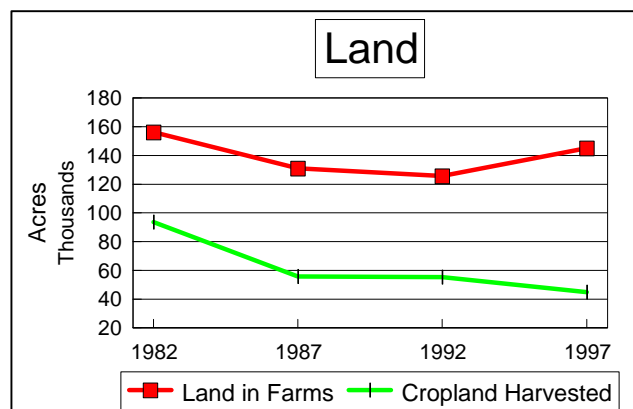
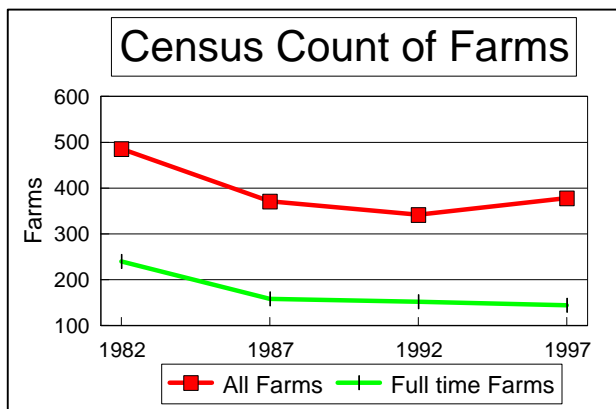
Increased 177 percent to \$45,309,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 151 percent from \$47,763 in 1992 to \$119,865 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	45,309	24	82	1,303	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	35,694	17	82	753	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,615	26	82	1,783	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	74	95	2,976
Cattle and calves	3,855	18	82	1,665	3,063
Soybeans	3,517	22	76	832	2,136
Corn for grain	3,077	14	81	964	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	2,337	31	61	315	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	1	74	132	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	9,714	22	82	1,629	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	10	50	495	2,200
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	2	4	180	611
All goats sold	(D)	52	75	1,782	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	4	77	527	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	14,718	34	82	1,821	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	16	76	526	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	417	35	82	1,830	3,066
All goat inventory	214	33	81	1,111	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	19,137	24	76	803	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	11,233	14	82	1,041	2,691
Hay crops-acres	7,951	42	82	1,915	3,061
Cotton-acres	5,151	32	61	329	713
Wheat-acres	2,094	16	62	1,412	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	261	201	30
\$10,000 or more	117	141	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,630	12,693	63
Average per farmdollars..	54,432	37,115	47
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	22,261	2,335	853
Average per farmdollars..	58,735	6,828	760
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	317	306	4
Partnership or corporation	53	34	56
Other	8	2	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	144	152	-5
Other	234	190	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	346	327	6
Female	32	15	113
Operators by race:			
White	344	315	9
Black and other races	34	27	26
Average age of operator	55.4	54.2	2

(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.