

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 91,367 acres in 1992 to 81,444 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 431 acres in 1992 to 382 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 87 farms in 1992 to 72 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

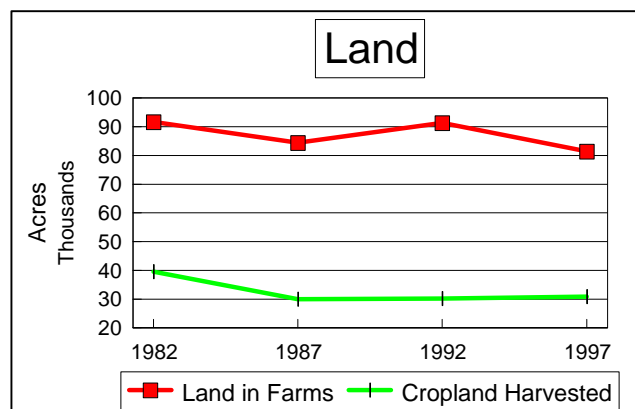
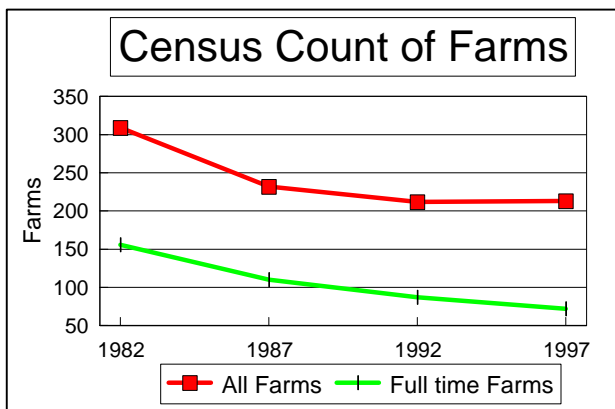
Decreased 38 percent to \$8,181,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 39 percent from \$62,714 in 1992 to \$38,409 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	8,181	67	82	2,607	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	7,104	31	82	1,948	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,077	79	82	2,857	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	3,211	25	76	864	2,136
Corn for grain	2,295	16	81	1,071	2,582
Cattle and calves	1,043	65	82	2,524	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	932	40	61	399	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	23	71	1,383	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	3,065	65	82	2,472	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	170	49	74	2,445	2,976
All goats sold	32	49	75	1,716	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	33	53	2,509	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	16	61	78	2,555	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,281	63	82	2,379	3,064
All goat inventory	237	30	81	1,011	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	213	59	82	2,546	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	47	65	77	2,699	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	38	66	78	2,853	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	15,276	29	76	876	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	7,564	19	82	1,172	2,691
Hay crops-acres	5,265	59	82	2,241	3,061
Cotton-acres	2,459	37	61	403	713
Wheat-acres	2,116	15	62	1,408	2,612

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 .....	148	134	10
\$10,000 or more .....	65	78	-17
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,727	12,230	-45
Average per farm .....dollars..	31,584	57,687	-45
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,702	(198)	960
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,991	(933)	956
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	184	183	1
Partnership or corporation .....	28	28	
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	72	87	-17
Other .....	141	125	13
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	190	178	7
Female .....	23	34	-32
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	197	193	2
Black and other races .....	16	19	-16
Average age of operator .....	56.6	56.5	0

(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.