

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 124,202 acres in 1992 to 114,658 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 226 acres in 1992 to 208 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 211 farms in 1992 to 165 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

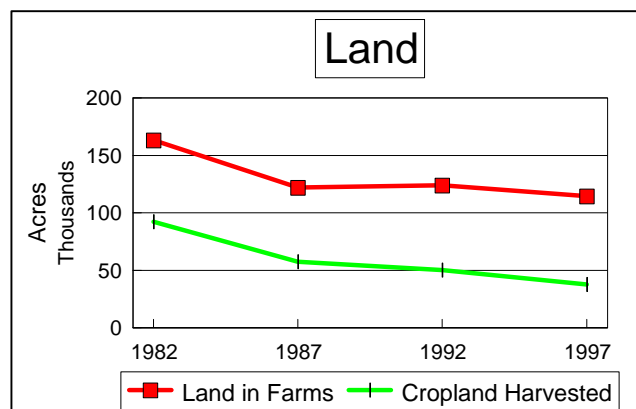
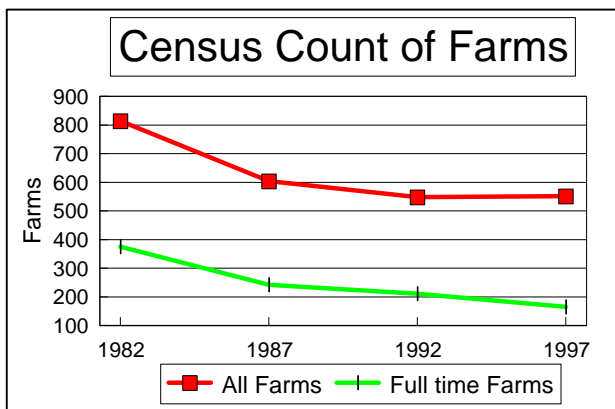
Decreased 30 percent to \$8,620,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 31 percent from \$22,588 in 1992 to \$15,616 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                   | 8,620    | 63    | 82        | 2,579 | 3,076     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 5,338    | 36    | 82        | 2,092 | 3,070     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 3,282    | 61    | 82        | 2,552 | 3,069     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Soybeans  | 2,314    | 29    | 76        | 946   | 2,136     |
| Cattle and calves   | 1,941    | 48    | 82        | 2,186 | 3,063     |
| Cotton, cottonseed  | 1,767    | 33    | 61        | 336   | 709       |
| Corn for grain  | 809      | 31    | 81        | 1,401 | 2,582     |
| Poultry & poultry products                                  | (D)      | 36    | 72        | 1,048 | 2,901     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold                  | (D)      | 35    | 45        | 545   | 1,882     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 6,438    | 40    | 82        | 1,950 | 3,063     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | (D)      | 31    | 74        | 2,006 | 2,976     |
| Horses and ponies sold                                      | 183      | 3     | 78        | 405   | 3,015     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 75       | 12    | 53        | 2,108 | 2,765     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Broiler inventory   | (D)      | 33    | 61        | 536   | 2,620     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 13,428   | 40    | 82        | 1,881 | 3,064     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 837      | 5     | 82        | 934   | 3,066     |
| All goat inventory  | 501      | 8     | 81        | 481   | 2,983     |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | (D)      | 34    | 77        | 2,057 | 3,005     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 17,624   | 25    | 76        | 820   | 2,144     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 9,633    | 33    | 82        | 1,754 | 3,061     |
| Cotton-acres  | 6,159    | 30    | 61        | 310   | 713       |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 4,052    | 29    | 82        | 1,409 | 2,691     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 353      | 24    | 63        | 1,592 | 2,473     |

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 .....                       | 445    | 367    | 21             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 107    | 182    | -41            |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 8,898  | 10,269 | -13            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 16,120 | 18,704 | -14            |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | (146)  | 1,168  | -113           |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | (265)  | 2,128  | -112           |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 504    | 510    | -1             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 42     | 36     | 17             |
| Other .....                                    | 6      | 3      | 100            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 165    | 211    | -22            |
| Other .....                                    | 387    | 338    | 14             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 508    | 517    | -2             |
| Female .....                                   | 44     | 32     | 38             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 540    | 533    | 1              |
| Black and other races .....                    | 12     | 16     | -25            |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 55.3   | 54.7   | 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.