

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 181,946 acres in 1992 to 165,581 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 1,456 acres in 1992 to 1,505 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 106 farms in 1992 to 89 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

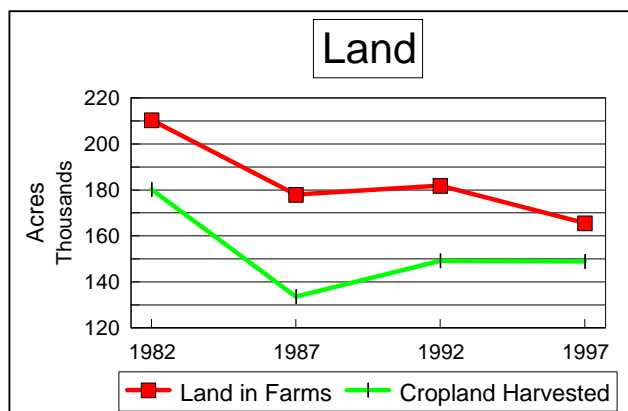
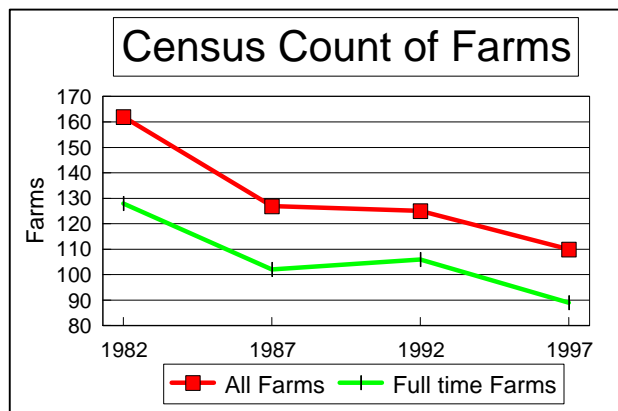
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 13 percent from \$476,855 in 1992 to \$537,224 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	59,095	18	82	1,005	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	48,382	10	82	574	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,712	34	82	1,811	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	11	61	71	709
Soybeans	17,993	9	76	341	2,136
Aquaculture	10,694	7	54	16	1,505
Corn for grain	5,240	9	81	792	2,582
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	3,140	9	24	175	1,971
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	(D)	82	82	3,042	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	73	75	2,467	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	23	25	1,465	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	77	78	2,959	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	(D)	81	82	3,032	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	28	81	82	3,025	3,066
All goat inventory	(D)	75	81	2,575	2,983
Rabbit inventory	(D)	26	46	1,567	2,456
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	74	78	2,964	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	91,416	9	76	252	2,144
Cotton-acres	34,603	11	61	107	713
Corn for grain-acres	14,426	9	82	929	2,691
Wheat-acres	6,458	6	62	937	2,612
Rice-acres	5,520	9	21	74	153

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 .....	13	16	-19
\$10,000 or more .....	97	109	-11
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	48,546	48,772	-0
Average per farm .....dollars..	441,325	387,078	14
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	10,215	10,730	-5
Average per farm .....dollars..	92,866	85,162	9
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	52	48	8
Partnership or corporation .....	58	77	-25
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	89	106	-16
Other .....	21	19	11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	104	118	-12
Female .....	6	7	-14
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	107	120	-11
Black and other races .....	3	5	-40
Average age of operator .....	52.0	51.5	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.