

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



SUNFLOWER MISSISSIPPI

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 361,003 acres in 1992 to 348,290 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 963 acres in 1992 to 995 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 280 farms in 1992 to 246 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

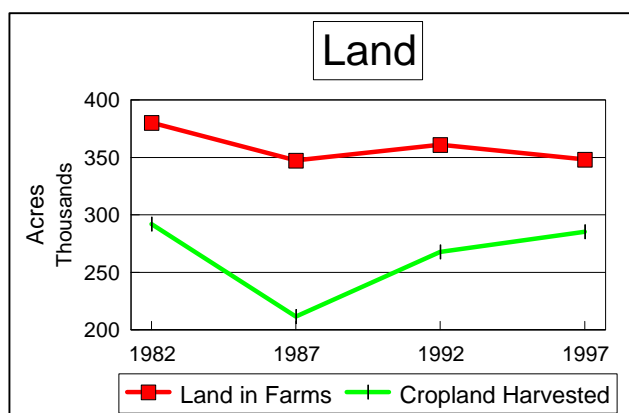
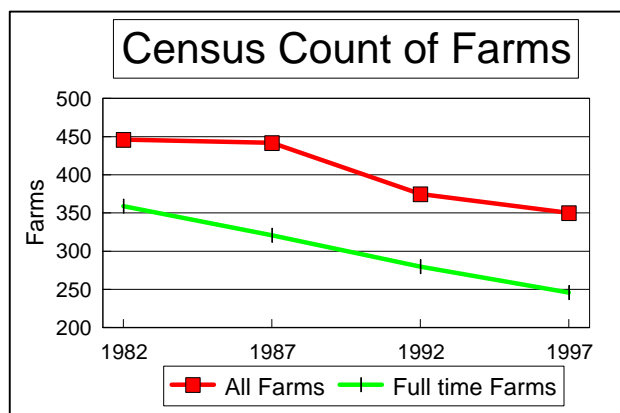
Increased 27 percent to \$164,335,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 36 percent from \$344,929 in 1992 to \$469,528 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	164,335	2	82	202	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	101,442	3	82	136	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	62,893	9	82	368	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Aquaculture	(D)	2	54	2	1,505
Soybeans	39,442	2	76	51	2,136
Cotton, cottonseed	34,523	7	61	40	709
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	18,194	3	24	42	1,971
Corn for grain	7,318	3	81	670	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	30	46	853	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	18	74	1,517	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	402	78	82	2,937	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	31	75	1,287	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	6	70	78	2,838	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	25	78	654	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	14	77	1,172	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,008	78	82	2,938	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	40	76	1,468	2,884
All goat inventory	170	43	81	1,307	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	165,692	2	76	35	2,144
Cotton-acres	58,271	7	61	60	713
Rice-acres	33,543	2	21	32	153
Corn for grain-acres	22,901	3	82	768	2,691
Wheat-acres	10,464	4	62	750	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	66	55	20
\$10,000 or more	284	320	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	119,307	113,527	5
Average per farmdollars..	340,876	302,739	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	40,918	13,052	213
Average per farmdollars..	116,910	34,805	236
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	185	213	-13
Partnership or corporation	163	160	2
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	246	280	-12
Other	104	95	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	335	352	-5
Female	15	23	-35
Operators by race:			
White	334	360	-7
Black and other races	16	15	7
Average age of operator	50.8	50.8	

(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.