

# 2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

## Arkansas



### Number of farms

47,483 farms in 2002, 49,493 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Land in farms

14,502,793 acres in 2002, 14,823,865 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Average size of farm

305 acres in 2002, 300 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$4,950,397,000 in 2002, \$5,613,156,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,620,384,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,330,014,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

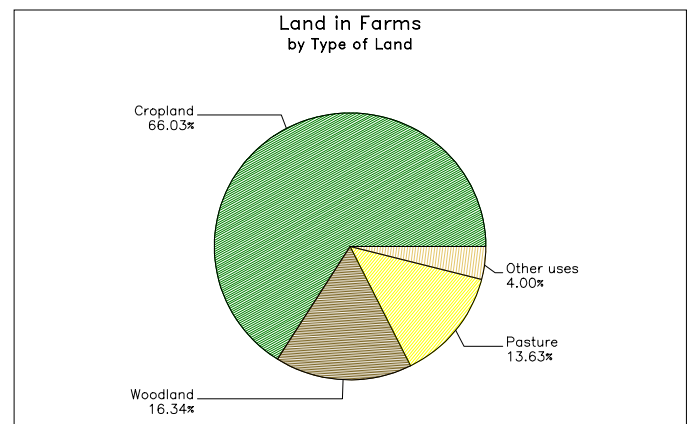
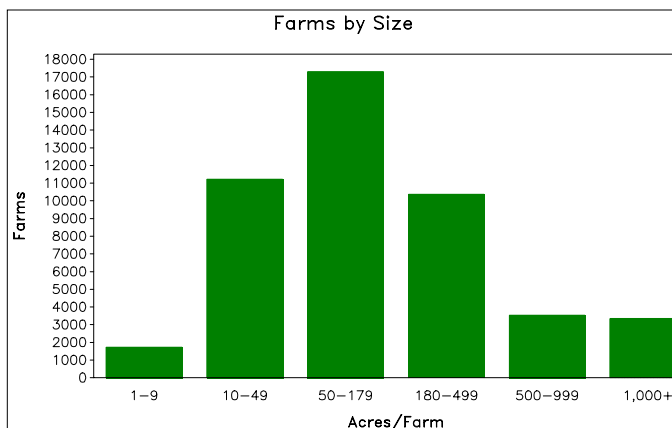
\$104,256 in 2002, \$113,413 in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Government Payments

\$238,577,000 in 2002, \$148,316,000 in 1997, up 61 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$30,544 in 2002, \$14,679 in 1997, up 108 percent.



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**Ranked items within U.S., 2002**

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,950,397	13	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,620,384	19	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,330,014	11	50
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,122,883	11	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	379,253	4	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	23,342	37	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	12,920	31	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	46,982	36	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	332	44	50
Other crops and hay	34,672	37	50
Poultry and eggs	2,617,592	2	50
Cattle and calves	421,266	24	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	54,049	38	50
Hogs and pigs	123,803	17	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,604	34	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	12,865	28	50
Aquaculture	92,638	3	50
Other animals and other animal products	6,196	30	50
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	181,555,253	2	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	13,189,901	8	50
Turkeys	8,603,489	3	50
Cattle and calves	1,842,273	17	50
Hogs and pigs	305,659	21	50
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>			
Soybeans	2,888,018	9	41
Rice	1,506,615	1	10
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,414,857	17	50
All Cotton	921,316	5	17
All Wheat for grain	770,551	15	48

**Other State Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	9,750
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6,658
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5,975
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6,237
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5,023
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1,285
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,581
\$40,000 to \$49,999	595
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,865
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2,655
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3,120
\$500,000 or more	2,739
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,898,297
Average per farm (\$)	82,114
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,384,246
Average per farm (\$)	29,158

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	27,411
Other	20,072
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	42,644
Female	4,839
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	65,838
Black or African American	1,155
American Indian or Alaska Native	662
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8
Asian	121
More than one race	580
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	837

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.