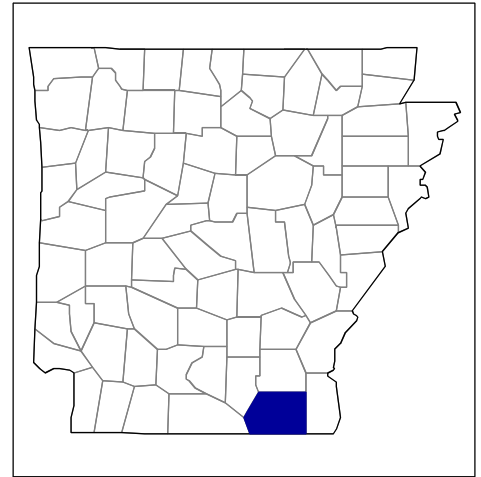




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Number of farms

336 farms in 2002, 335 farms in 1997, up slightly.

Land in farms

166,907 acres in 2002, 177,387 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

497 acres in 2002, 530 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$52,283,000 in 2002, \$62,928,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$39,649,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,634,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

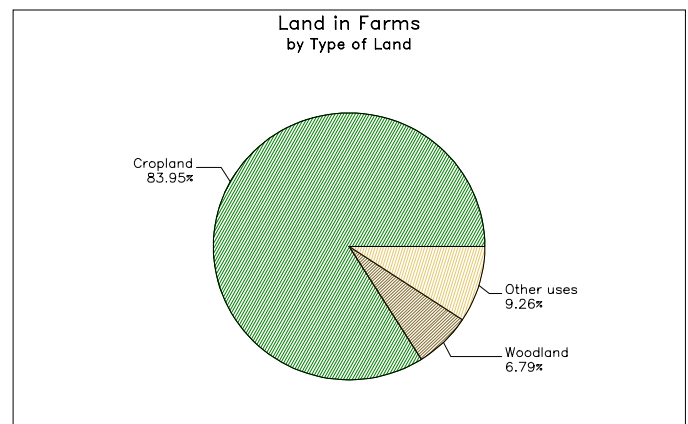
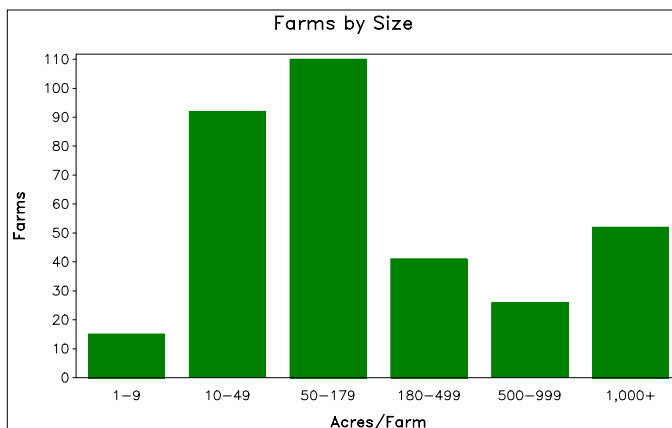
\$155,605 in 2002, \$187,845 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,814,000 in 2002, \$4,372,000 in 1997, up 33 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$58,136 in 2002, \$31,006 in 1997, up 87 percent.



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Ranked items among the 75 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	52,283	42	75	1,106	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,649	21	75	639	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,634	45	75	1,680	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	13,060	24	55	885	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	25,811	5	25	39	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	595	13	71	940	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	63	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	23	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	75	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	69	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	780	63	75	2,642	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	11	49	69	2,285	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	13	28	70	2,164	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	91	43	74	1,852	3,014
Aquaculture	11,688	3	45	21	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	64	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,545	60	75	2,569	3,059
Horses and ponies	470	50	75	2,226	3,065
All Goats	346	29	74	1,351	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	304	59	72	2,247	2,983
Hogs and pigs	291	35	72	1,873	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	57,120	5	25	61	663
Soybeans	37,792	24	46	641	2,076
Rice	16,975	24	38	50	150
All Wheat for grain	8,776	27	51	689	2,517
Corn for grain	4,904	17	50	1,283	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	73	Farming	211
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40	Other	125
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	40	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Male	315
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Female	21
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	White	465
\$500,000 or more	31	Black or African American	24
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	47,554	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	142,806	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,201	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	36,640	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.