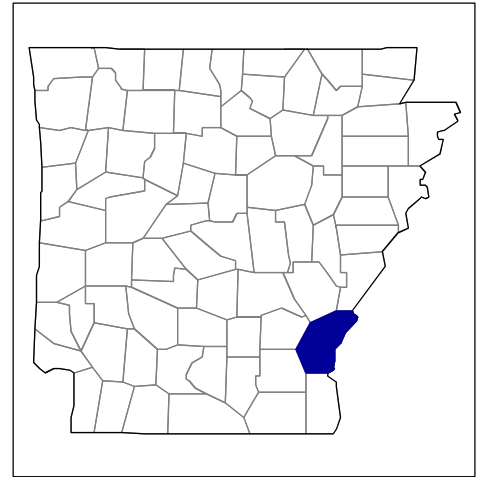




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Desha, Arkansas



### Number of farms

264 farms in 2002, 324 farms in 1997, down 19 percent.

### Land in farms

284,647 acres in 2002, 282,522 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,078 acres in 2002, 872 acres in 1997, up 24 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$71,630,000 in 2002, \$104,336,000 in 1997, down 31 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$66,530,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,100,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

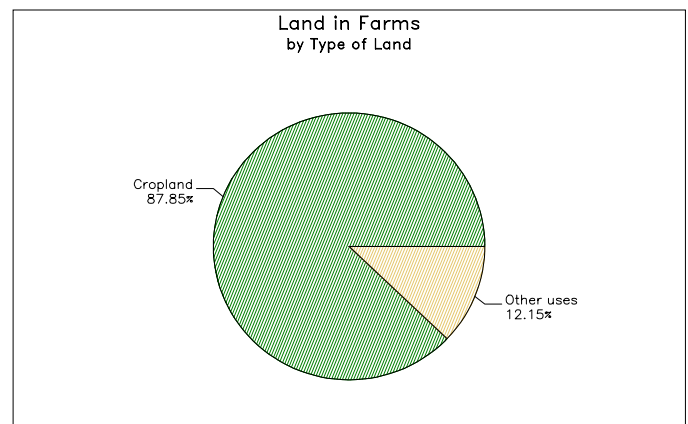
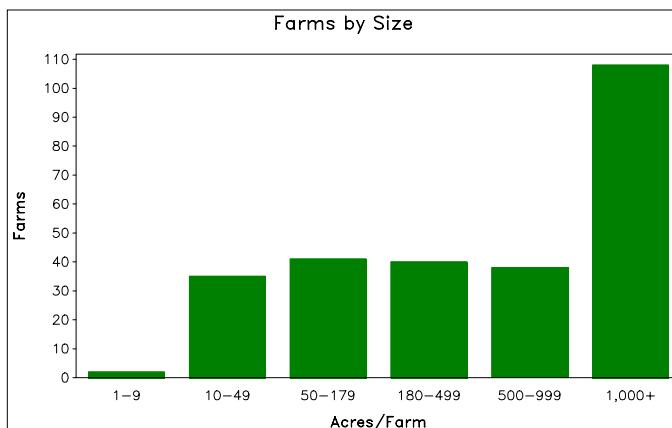
\$271,326 in 2002, \$322,025 in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Government Payments

\$6,568,000 in 2002, \$5,903,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$46,578 in 2002, \$25,556 in 1997, up 82 percent.



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

| Item  | Quantity | State Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> | U.S. Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b> |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                   | 71,630   | 26         | 75                    | 783       | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse             | 66,530   | 7          | 75                    | 314       | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products             | 5,100    | 57         | 75                    | 2,342     | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>          |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                   | (D)      | (D)        | 55                    | (D)       | 2,871                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                       | 33,176   | 4          | 25                    | 30        | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes            | (D)      | (D)        | 71                    | (D)       | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries                              | (D)      | (D)        | 70                    | (D)       | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                  | -        | -          | 63                    | -         | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops          | -        | -          | 23                    | -         | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 18       | 73         | 75                    | 2,985     | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)      | (D)        | 69                    | (D)       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | (D)      | (D)        | 75                    | (D)       | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                     | (D)      | (D)        | 48                    | (D)       | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | -        | -          | 69                    | -         | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products                            | -        | -          | 70                    | -         | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                  | -        | -          | 74                    | -         | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | 3,561    | 7          | 45                    | 65        | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                     | 82       | 16         | 64                    | 943       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>               |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens                       | (D)      | 48         | 63                    | (D)       | 2,599                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 2,691    | 68         | 75                    | 2,742     | 3,059                 |
| Colonies of bees  | 877      | 8          | 62                    | 479       | 2,392                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 119      | 71         | 75                    | 2,930     | 3,065                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)      | 66         | 72                    | (D)       | 2,926                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>                               |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Soybeans  | 85,818   | 19         | 46                    | 336       | 2,076                 |
| All Cotton  | 74,764   | 4          | 25                    | 38        | 663                   |
| Rice  | 50,539   | 15         | 38                    | 26        | 150                   |
| All Wheat for grain   | 19,208   | 17         | 51                    | 463       | 2,517                 |
| Sorghum for grain   | 8,798    | 6          | 43                    | 184       | 1,307                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 38       | Farming   | 197      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 3        | Other   | 67       |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 13       |   |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 13       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 9        | Male  | 247      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 10       | Female  | 17       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 13       |   |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 10       | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 52.4     |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 29       |   |          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 37       | All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 41       | White   | 319      |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 48       | Black or African American   | 32       |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 62,779   | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 2        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 236,903  | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
|   |          | Asian   | 1        |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 18,965   | More than one race  | 1        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 71,565   | All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 1        |

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

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