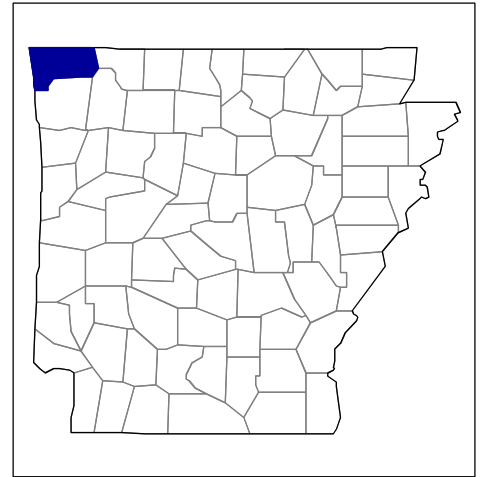




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Number of farms

2,376 farms in 2002, 2,558 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

312,646 acres in 2002, 305,353 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

132 acres in 2002, 119 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$360,932,000 in 2002, \$345,816,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,730,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$356,203,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

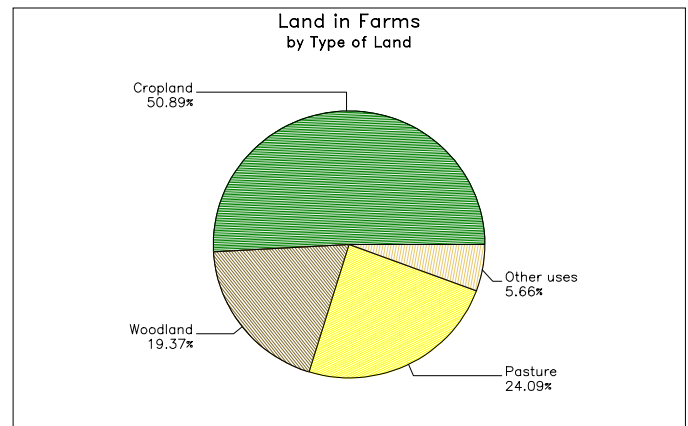
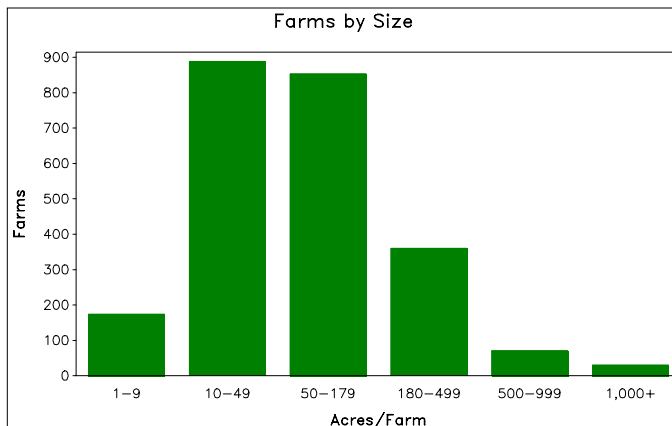
\$151,908 in 2002, \$135,190 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$449,000 in 2002, \$243,000 in 1997, up 85 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,352 in 2002, \$1,747 in 1997, up 92 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	360,932	1	75	53	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,730	35	75	2,104	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	356,203	1	75	25	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	25	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	848	7	71	815	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,157	11	63	1,034	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,834	2	75	712	3,046
Poultry and eggs	311,891	1	69	3	2,918
Cattle and calves	23,968	1	75	401	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,717	2	48	564	2,493
Hogs and pigs	13,339	2	69	229	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	603	4	74	288	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	45	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	298	5	64	438	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	18,987,821	1	63	3	2,599
Turkeys	1,435,810	2	53	11	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,221,497	2	72	79	2,983
Cattle and calves	113,588	1	75	97	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	72	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	75,641	2	75	97	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,213	37	51	1,469	2,517
All Field and grass seed crops	1,115	5	23	143	1,293
All Vegetables harvested	1,078	4	70	418	2,710
Snap beans	1,027	1	39	70	1,833

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	473	Farming	1,307
\$1,000 to \$2,499	320	Other	1,069
\$2,500 to \$4,999	335		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	304	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	253	Male	2,106
\$20,000 to \$24,999	65	Female	270
\$25,000 to \$39,999	69		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	66		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	104	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	167	White	3,353
\$500,000 or more	193	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	260,495	American Indian or Alaska Native	56
Average per farm (\$)	109,775	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
		Asian	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	106,078	More than one race	28
Average per farm (\$)	44,702	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	54

(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.