



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Marion, Arkansas



Number of farms

526 farms in 2002, 544 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

143,272 acres in 2002, 144,536 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

272 acres in 2002, 266 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$20,853,000 in 2002, \$21,706,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$255,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$20,598,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

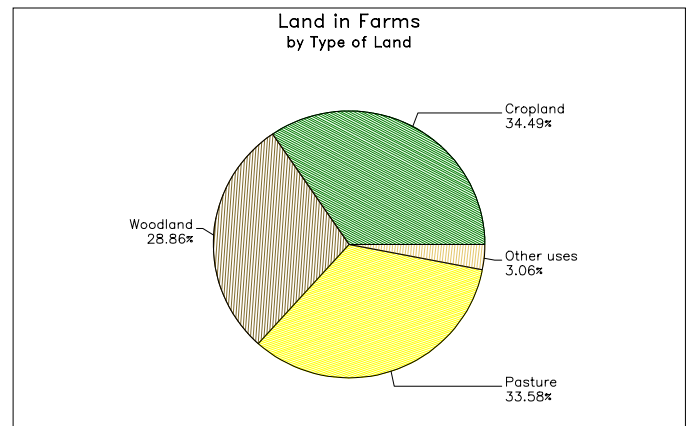
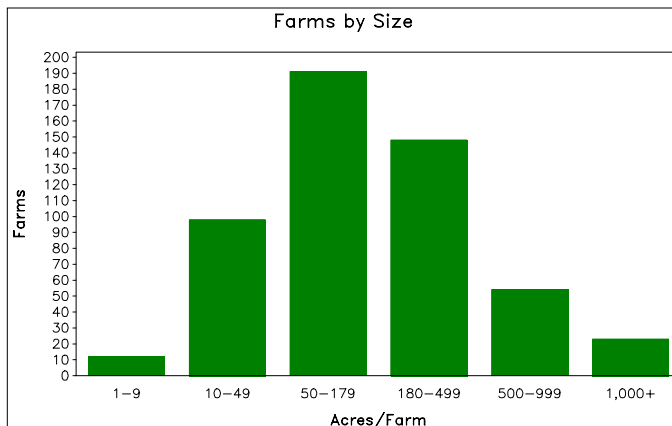
\$39,645 in 2002, \$39,901 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$254,000 in 2002, \$120,000 in 1997, up 112 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,304 in 2002, \$1,425 in 1997, up 132 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 | 20,853 | 60 | 75 | 2,064 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 255 | 73 | 75 | 2,984 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 20,598 | 38 | 75 | 1,272 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | - | - | 55 | - | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 25 | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | (D) | (D) | 71 | (D) | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 27 | 52 | 70 | 1,836 | 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 | 170 | 55 | 75 | 2,602 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 12,622 | 37 | 69 | 398 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 7,054 | 23 | 75 | 1,247 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 521 | 22 | 48 | 1,640 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 69 | (D) | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 224 | 1 | 70 | 397 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 129 | 37 | 74 | 1,534 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | (D) | 45 | (D) | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 64 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Turkeys | 398,764 | 9 | 53 | 68 | 2,328 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 245,110 | 44 | 63 | 454 | 2,599 |
| Cattle and calves | 28,240 | 30 | 75 | 1,113 | 3,059 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | (D) | 47 | 72 | (D) | 2,983 |
| All Goats | 2,339 | 2 | 74 | 149 | 2,971 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 14,296 | 37 | 75 | 1,416 | 3,059 |
| All Field and grass seed crops | 360 | 10 | 23 | 272 | 1,293 |
| Sorghum for silage | (D) | 14 | 14 | (D) | 1,387 |
| All Vegetables harvested ³ | (D) | (D) | 70 | (D) | 2,710 |
| Watermelons ³ | (D) | (D) | 53 | (D) | 1,753 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 95 | Farming | 277 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 94 | Other | 249 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 88 | | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 79 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 66 | Male | 439 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 24 | Female | 87 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 31 | | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 14 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 54.9 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 10 | | |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 7 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 6 | White | 767 |
| \$500,000 or more | 12 | Black or African American | 2 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 22,180 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 8 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 42,088 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| | | Asian | - |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 506 | More than one race | 6 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 961 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 16 |

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.