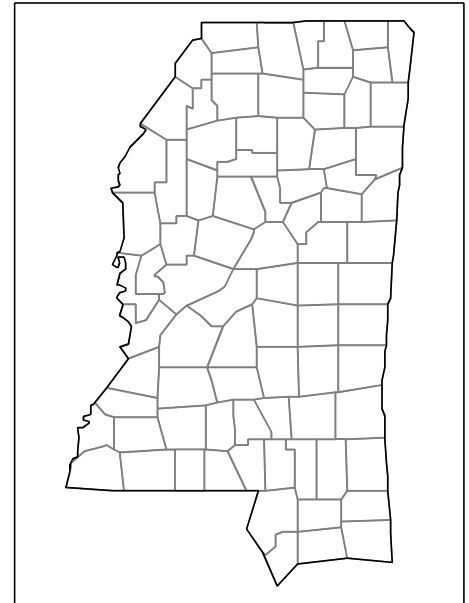


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Number of farms

42,186 farms in 2002, 42,150 farms in 1997, up slightly.

Land in farms

11,097,543 acres in 2002, 11,436,287 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

263 acres in 2002, 271 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$3,116,295,000 in 2002, \$3,485,867,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,025,385,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,090,909,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

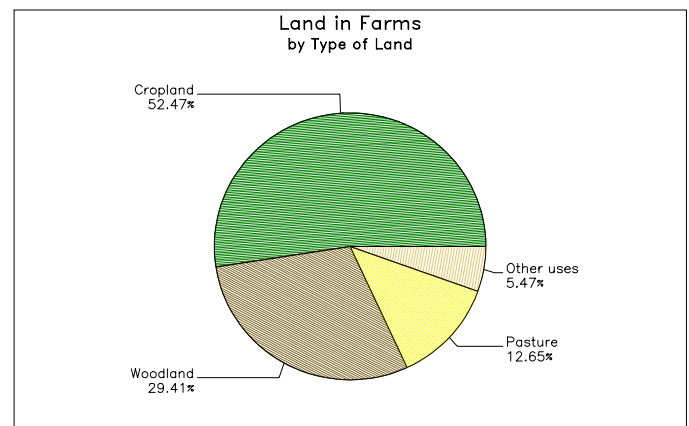
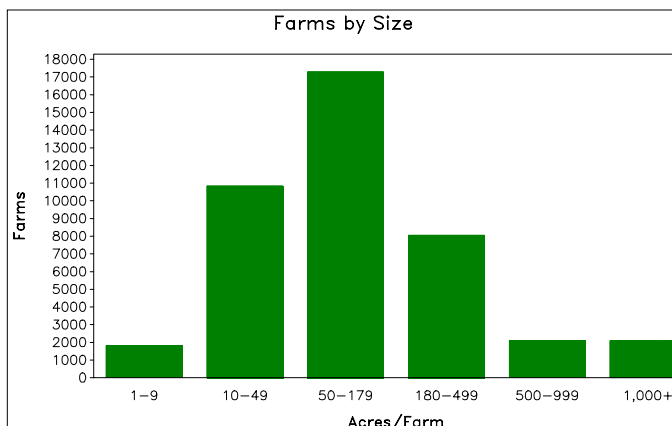
\$73,870 in 2002, \$82,701 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$145,508,000 in 2002, \$103,371,000 in 1997, up 41 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,751 in 2002, \$8,916 in 1997, up 32 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,116,295	27	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,025,385	29	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,090,909	18	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	457,364	20	50
Tobacco	496	20	23
Cotton and cottonseed	444,136	3	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	39,942	32	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	14,093	28	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	38,967	38	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	7,611	13	50
Other crops and hay	22,776	39	50
Poultry and eggs	1,490,748	5	50
Cattle and calves	228,346	34	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	67,954	34	50
Hogs and pigs	82,298	18	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	673	45	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	11,390	31	50
Aquaculture	207,181	2	50
Other animals and other animal products	2,319	40	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	134,737,744	5	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	5,386,404	17	50
Cattle and calves	1,072,806	30	50
Hogs and pigs	302,190	22	50
Quail	215,138	6	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Soybeans	1,371,014	14	41
All Cotton	1,157,432	3	17
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	641,924	30	50
Corn for grain	496,219	19	49
Rice	233,447	4	10

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	16,445
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6,001
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4,572
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4,260
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,130
\$20,000 to \$24,999	762
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,155
\$40,000 to \$49,999	433
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,071
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1,206
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,269
\$500,000 or more	1,882
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,767,787
Average per farm (\$)	65,626
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	626,916
Average per farm (\$)	14,865

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	20,582
Other	21,604
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	36,945
Female	5,241
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	50,069
Black or African American	6,194
American Indian or Alaska Native	123
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
Asian	52
More than one race	118
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	563

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

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

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