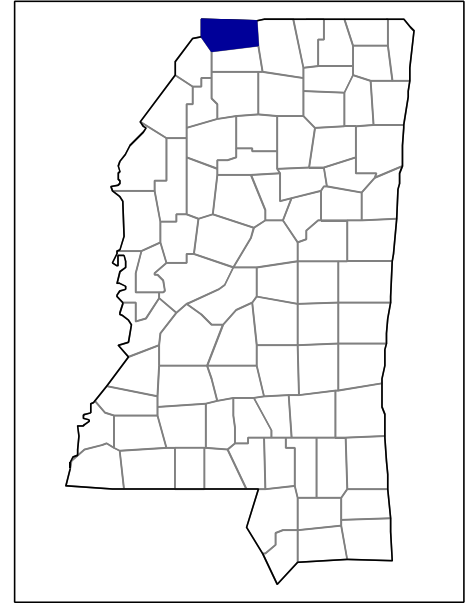


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Number of farms

639 farms in 2002, 675 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

142,851 acres in 2002, 162,116 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

224 acres in 2002, 240 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$21,396,000 in 2002, \$27,263,000 in 1997, down 22 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,516,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,880,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

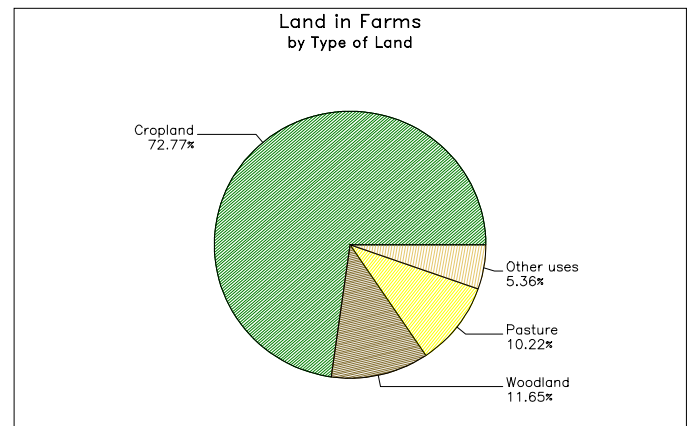
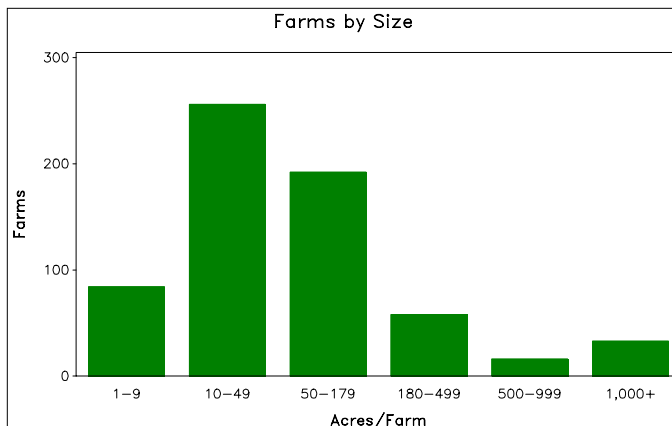
\$33,483 in 2002, \$40,390 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,417,000 in 2002, \$1,300,000 in 1997, up 86 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$29,121 in 2002, \$12,263 in 1997, up 137 percent.



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Ranked items among the 82 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	21,396	43	82	2,038	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,516	16	82	1,230	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,880	65	82	2,589	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11,731	11	82	933	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	4,626	19	61	186	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	518	15	77	990	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	28	32	47	838	1,774
Other crops and hay	613	7	82	1,712	3,046
Poultry and eggs	18	51	72	1,740	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,163	46	81	2,116	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	66	47	62	2,212	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	52	78	2,624	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	584	2	78	305	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	11,204	46	81	1,956	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,379	38	77	942	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,876	4	82	540	3,065
Pigeons	1,650	1	17	24	1,368
All Goats	590	13	77	869	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	38,935	11	67	633	2,076
Corn for grain	12,735	14	82	962	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,303	26	82	1,740	3,059
All Cotton	10,190	23	62	257	663
All Wheat for grain	8,178	6	69	719	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	288
\$1,000 to \$2,499	103
\$2,500 to \$4,999	86
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10
\$500,000 or more	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,172
Average per farm (\$)	33,237
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,456
Average per farm (\$)	5,426

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	306
Other	333
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	536
Female	103
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	822
Black or African American	66
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.