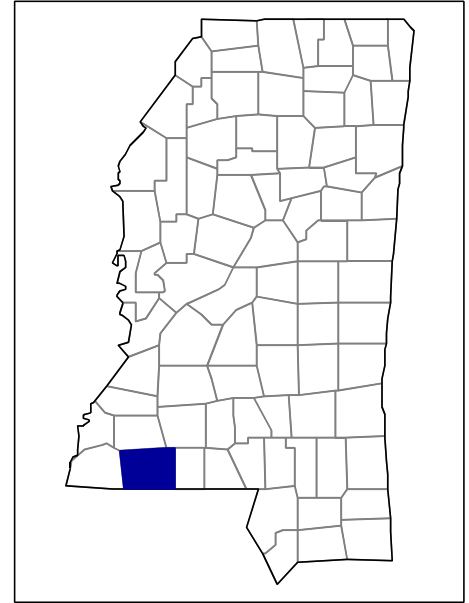




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Number of farms

626 farms in 2002, 649 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

156,688 acres in 2002, 142,465 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

Average size of farm

250 acres in 2002, 220 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$30,375,000 in 2002, \$34,566,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$698,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$29,677,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

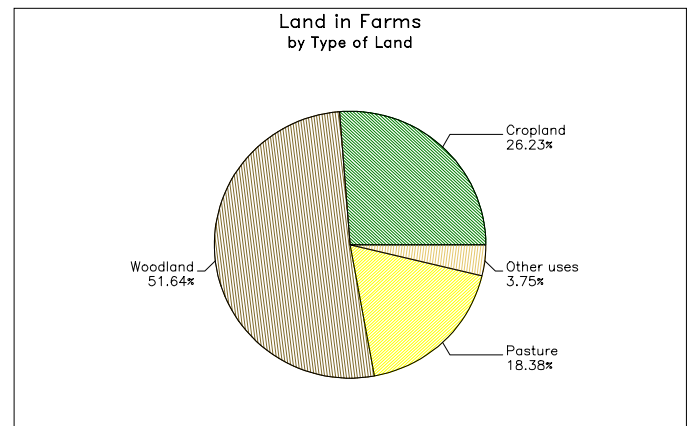
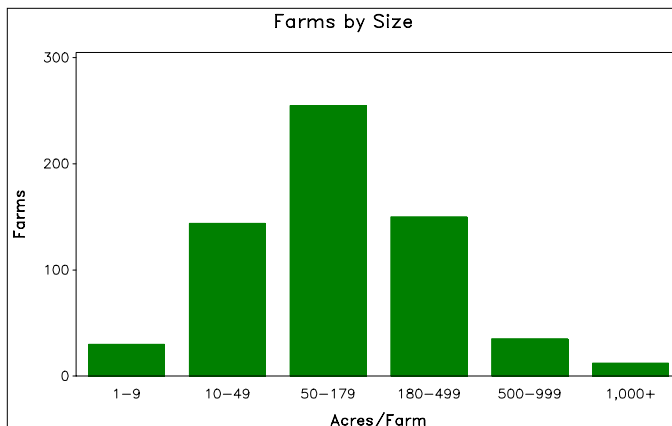
\$48,523 in 2002, \$53,260 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$530,000 in 2002, \$648,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,962 in 2002, \$4,294 in 1997, down 31 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	30,375	34	82	1,691	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	698	77	82	2,829	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	29,677	23	82	947	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	61	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	104	47	77	1,702	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	239	22	76	816	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	77	20	47	504	1,774
Other crops and hay	196	52	82	2,539	3,046
Poultry and eggs	21,375	18	72	294	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,091	30	81	1,885	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,126	3	62	618	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	70	51	78	2,110	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,344,400	16	63	177	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	26	77	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	20,319	15	81	1,442	3,059
Horses and ponies	841	36	82	1,513	3,065
Sheep and lambs	(D)	7	66	(D)	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,144	12	82	1,493	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	527	22	68	112	1,262
Corn for grain	350	64	82	2,077	2,592
Corn for silage	(D)	18	51	(D)	2,307
All Berries	60	8	54	229	2,019

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	246
\$1,000 to \$2,499	124
\$2,500 to \$4,999	74
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61
\$10,000 to \$19,999	46
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8
\$500,000 or more	20
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	23,637
Average per farm (\$)	37,579
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,366
Average per farm (\$)	14,890

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	285
Other	341
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	554
Female	72
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	690
Black or African American	168
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.