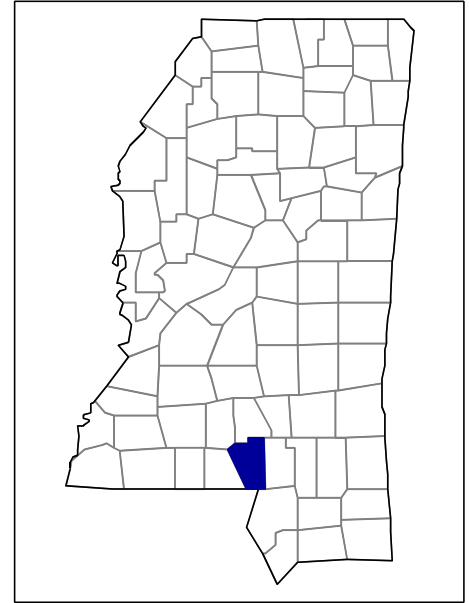


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Number of farms

581 farms in 2002, 630 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

98,616 acres in 2002, 113,879 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Average size of farm

170 acres in 2002, 181 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$37,053,000 in 2002, \$30,524,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$816,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$36,237,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

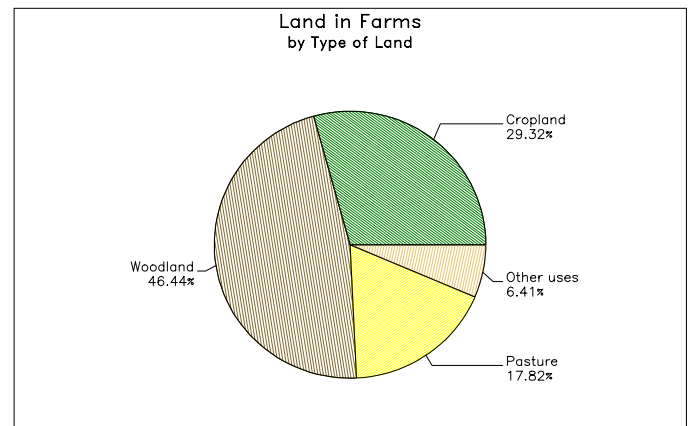
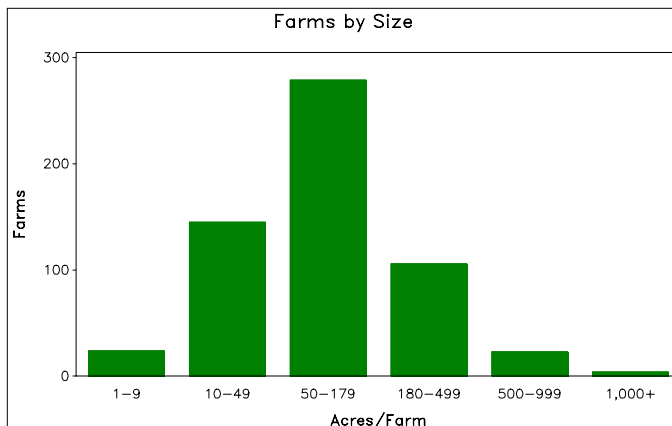
\$63,774 in 2002, \$48,451 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Government Payments

\$465,000 in 2002, \$667,000 in 1997, down 30 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,145 in 2002, \$4,357 in 1997, down 28 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	37,053	28	82	1,510	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	816	72	82	2,791	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	36,237	18	82	803	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	222	25	77	1,331	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	174	42	70	1,880	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	114	17	47	397	1,774
Other crops and hay	191	53	82	2,547	3,046
Poultry and eggs	29,272	15	72	239	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,694	33	81	1,969	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,966	6	62	727	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	61	78	2,782	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	19	77	2,141	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	147	31	78	1,409	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	144	6	61	726	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,744,433	13	63	149	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	289,448	2	77	226	2,983
Cattle and calves	18,443	24	81	1,540	3,059
Quail	(D)	7	34	(D)	1,412
Rabbits	(D)	1	31	(D)	1,966
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,514	23	82	1,721	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	648	18	68	79	1,262
Corn for grain	290	67	82	2,126	2,592
Corn for silage	(D)	19	51	(D)	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	152	23	77	1,068	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	232	Farming	224
\$1,000 to \$2,499	79	Other	357
\$2,500 to \$4,999	71		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	59	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	53	Male	518
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	63
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	White	602
\$500,000 or more	26	Black or African American	138
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,718	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	47,707	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,964	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	18,871	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.