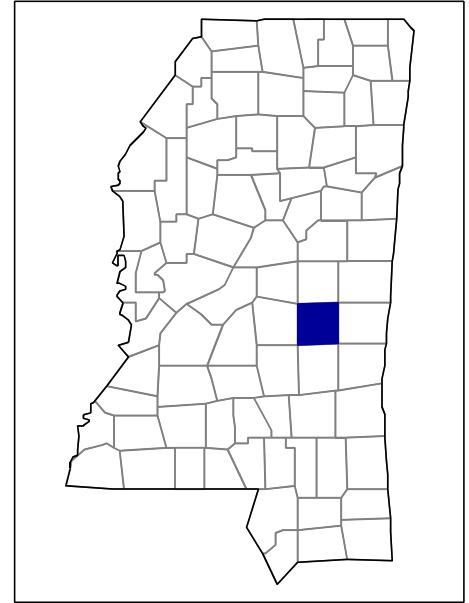


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Newton, Mississippi



### Number of farms

745 farms in 2002, 702 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Land in farms

119,031 acres in 2002, 111,224 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Average size of farm

160 acres in 2002, 158 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$94,819,000 in 2002, \$99,245,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,033,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$93,786,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

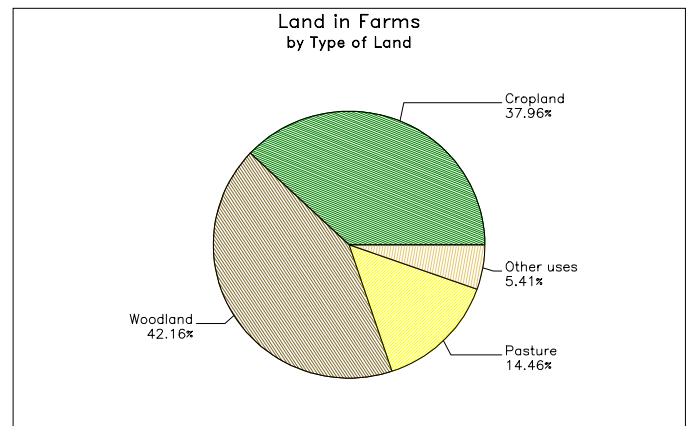
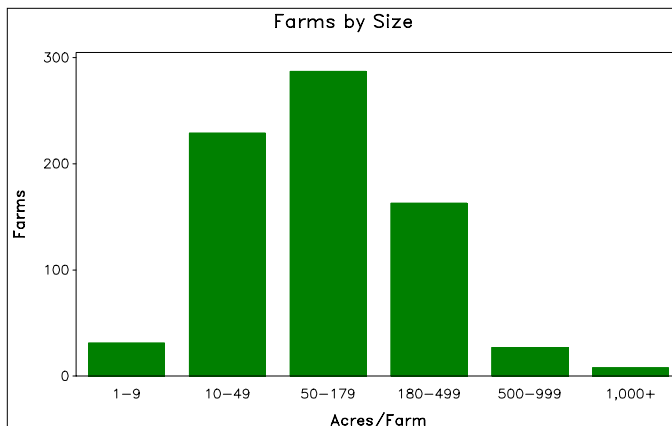
\$127,273 in 2002, \$141,375 in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Government Payments

\$517,000 in 2002, \$324,000 in 1997, up 60 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,239 in 2002, \$2,943 in 1997, up 44 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 82 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	94,819	11	82	565	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,033	69	82	2,717	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	93,786	8	82	227	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	418	47	82	2,045	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	19	63	76	1,987	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	49	50	70	2,271	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	47	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	300	36	82	2,304	3,046
Poultry and eggs	85,719	8	72	69	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,559	15	81	1,592	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,385	8	62	786	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	112	36	78	1,670	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	6,459,417	8	63	60	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	222,608	6	77	271	2,983
Cattle and calves	22,892	9	81	1,320	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,310	13	82	933	3,065
All Goats	389	23	77	1,230	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,825	6	82	1,382	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	1,336	7	68	27	1,262
Corn for grain	1,168	47	82	1,757	2,592
Soybeans	978	48	67	1,536	2,076
Corn for silage	690	7	51	1,276	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	289
\$1,000 to \$2,499	90
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62
\$5,000 to \$9,999	79
\$10,000 to \$19,999	47
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22
\$250,000 to \$499,999	49
\$500,000 or more	51
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	81,492
Average per farm (\$)	109,827
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,654
Average per farm (\$)	34,574

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	404
Other	341
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	666
Female	79
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	921
Black or African American	33
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	2
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.