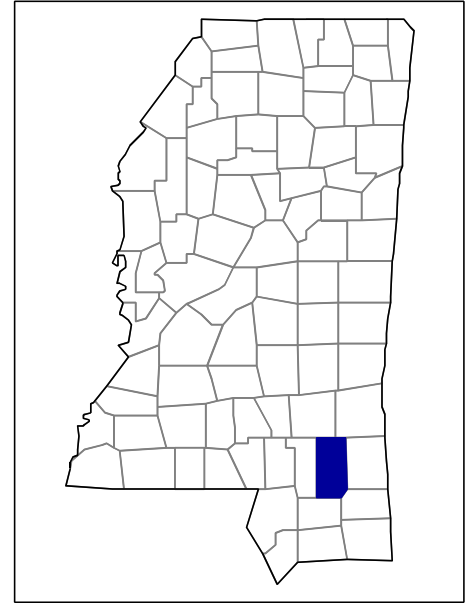


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Number of farms

331 farms in 2002, 349 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

35,036 acres in 2002, 40,827 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

106 acres in 2002, 117 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$12,110,000 in 2002, \$11,239,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$404,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$11,705,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

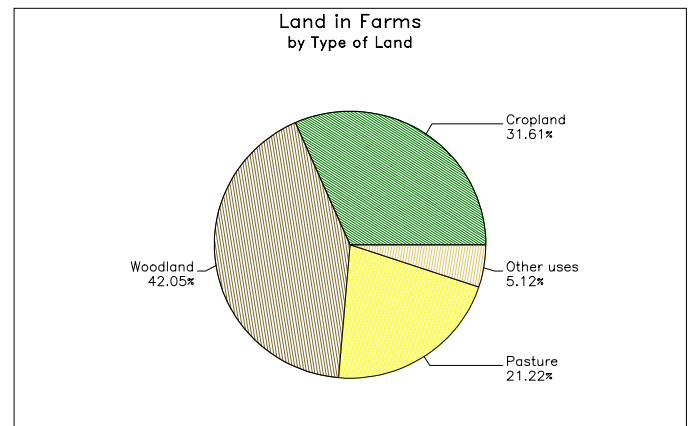
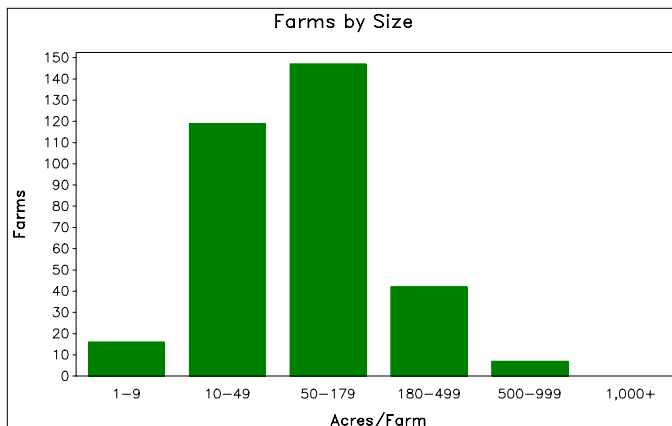
\$36,586 in 2002, \$32,203 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$148,000 in 2002, \$145,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,434 in 2002, \$2,272 in 1997, up 7 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	12,110	55	82	2,407	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	404	82	82	2,925	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,705	35	82	1,749	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	20	75	82	2,658	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	61	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	118	44	77	1,637	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	118	33	76	1,165	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	127	62	82	2,709	3,046
Poultry and eggs	10,730	24	72	437	2,918
Cattle and calves	913	66	81	2,587	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	66	78	2,812	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	25	68	78	2,685	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	6	28	61	2,013	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,262,700	21	63	250	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	33	77	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	5,741	67	81	2,451	3,059
Horses and ponies	360	69	82	2,459	3,065
Colonies of bees	180	13	49	943	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,060	70	82	2,581	3,059
Corn for grain	195	71	82	2,204	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	71	33	77	1,424	2,710
Peanuts	(D)	11	23	(D)	398
Pecans	49	38	76	567	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	149
\$1,000 to \$2,499	65
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7
\$500,000 or more	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	11,018
Average per farm (\$)	33,389
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,569
Average per farm (\$)	7,785

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	148
Other	183
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	291
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	421
Black or African American	10
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.