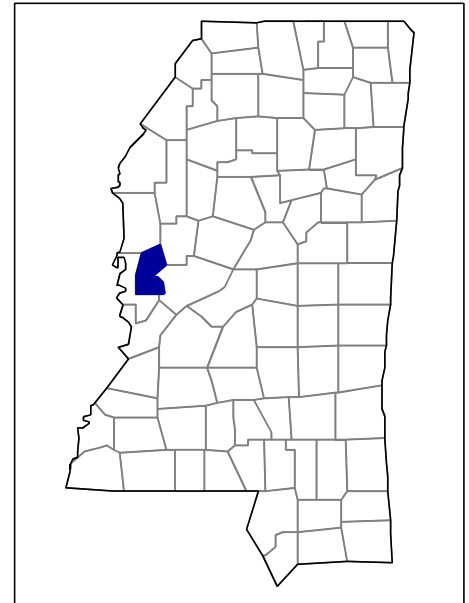


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Number of farms

101 farms in 2002, 121 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

Land in farms

164,861 acres in 2002, 172,466 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

1,632 acres in 2002, 1,425 acres in 1997, up 15 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$48,179,000 in 2002, \$61,030,000 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$40,581,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,597,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

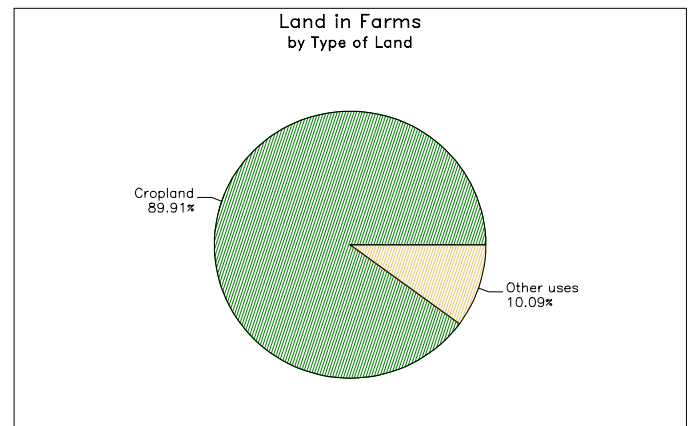
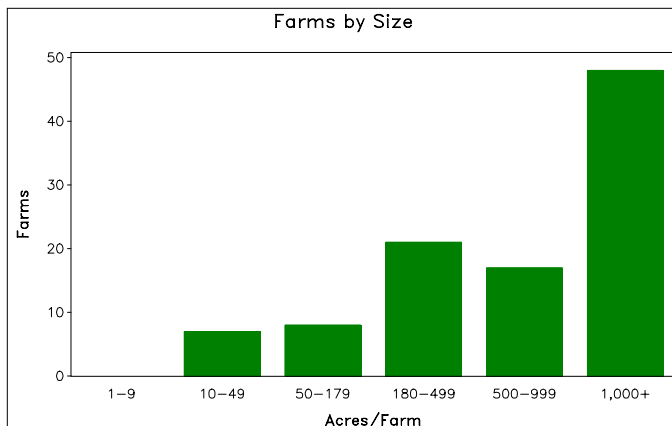
\$477,017 in 2002, \$504,384 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,778,000 in 2002, \$2,839,000 in 1997, up 68 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$61,261 in 2002, \$32,631 in 1997, up 88 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	48,179	23	82	1,213	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	40,581	9	82	620	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,597	43	82	2,079	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	20,493	8	82	663	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	20,009	9	61	49	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	77	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	75	42	76	1,394	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	70	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	47	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	4	82	82	3,028	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	72	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	-	-	81	-	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	62	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	78	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	-	-	77	-	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	10	77	78	2,906	3,014
Aquaculture	7,588	7	47	37	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	61	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Horses and ponies	65	78	82	3,004	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	6	77	77	2,976	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	54,774	9	67	529	2,076
All Cotton	45,437	11	62	79	663
Corn for grain	33,874	2	82	620	2,592
Rice	3,369	10	25	86	150
All Wheat for grain	1,825	18	69	1,323	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	13	Farming	74
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6	Other	27
\$2,500 to \$4,999	-		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	-	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7	Male	94
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	-		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	White	154
\$500,000 or more	34	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,847	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	458,467	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,175	Asian	-
Average per farm (\$)	81,750	More than one race	-
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.