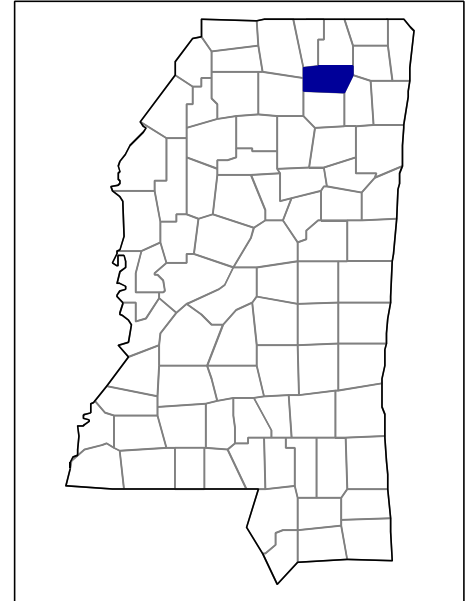


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Number of farms

819 farms in 2002, 752 farms in 1997, up 9 percent.

Land in farms

139,273 acres in 2002, 124,792 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Average size of farm

170 acres in 2002, 166 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$9,988,000 in 2002, \$11,261,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,771,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,216,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

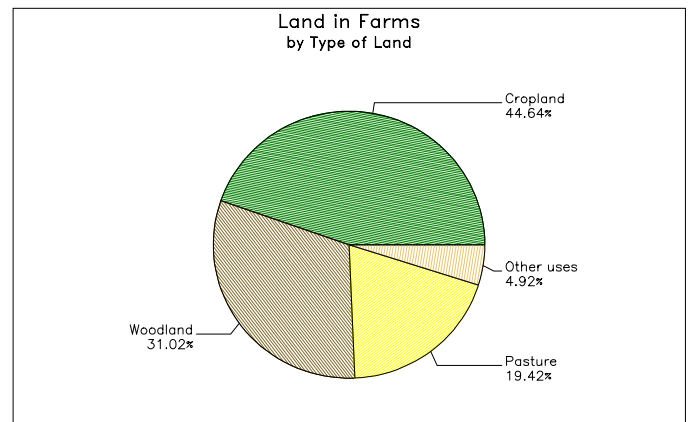
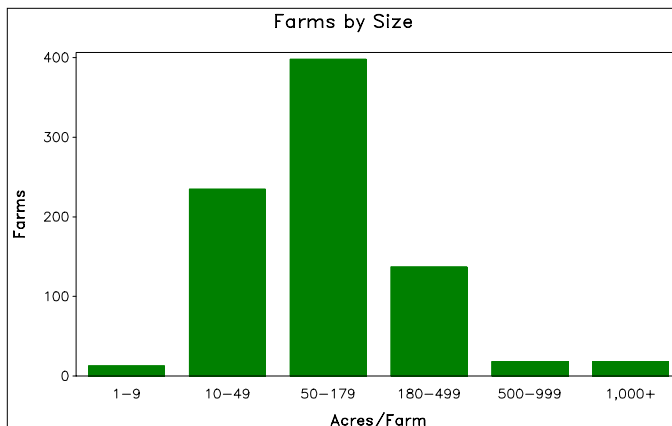
\$12,195 in 2002, \$14,975 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,051,000 in 2002, \$760,000 in 1997, up 38 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,894 in 2002, \$2,714 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	9,988	61	82	2,505	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,771	35	82	2,100	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,216	54	82	2,331	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,771	26	82	1,344	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	4	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	609	43	61	395	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	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	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1,956	33	72	829	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,645	36	81	1,983	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	41	78	2,490	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	52	77	2,741	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	261	14	78	854	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	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	(D)	30	63	(D)	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	30	77	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	12,827	39	81	1,857	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,292	14	82	948	3,065
Ducks	250	12	58	463	2,630
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	22,588	16	67	800	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,660	21	82	1,704	3,059
Corn for grain	3,767	32	82	1,387	2,592
All Cotton	1,794	45	62	437	663
All Wheat for grain	250	40	69	1,987	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	378
\$1,000 to \$2,499	148
\$2,500 to \$4,999	95
\$5,000 to \$9,999	75
\$10,000 to \$19,999	56
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5
\$500,000 or more	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,709
Average per farm (\$)	10,569
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,784
Average per farm (\$)	2,165

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	344
Other	475
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	752
Female	67
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,024
Black or African American	33
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	19

(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.