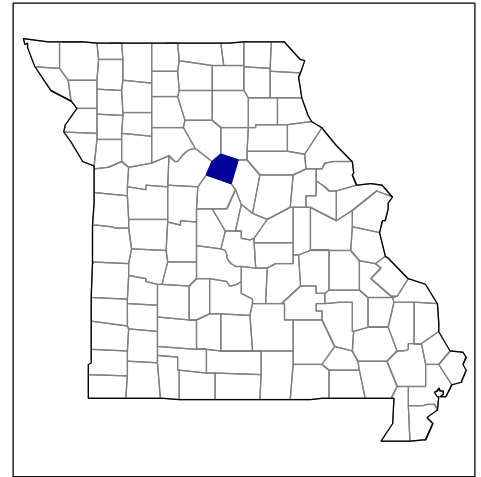


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Number of farms

806 farms in 2002, 788 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

Land in farms

270,228 acres in 2002, 254,133 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

335 acres in 2002, 323 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$29,278,000 in 2002, \$32,234,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$19,684,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,594,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

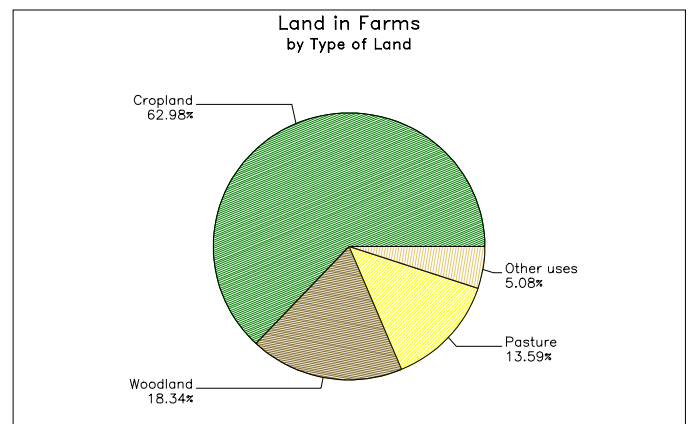
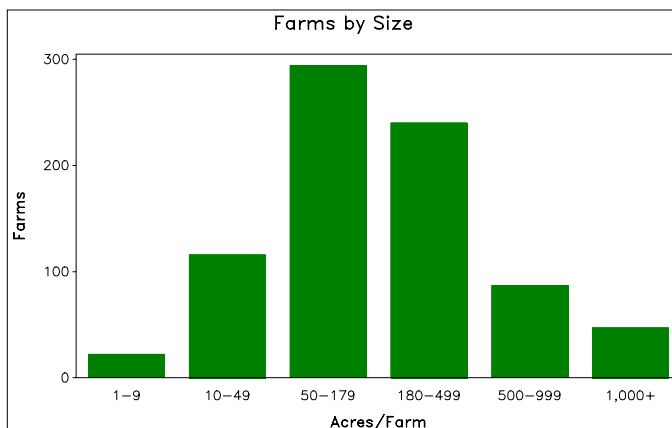
\$36,325 in 2002, \$40,906 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,716,000 in 2002, \$2,266,000 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,229 in 2002, \$5,080 in 1997, up 23 percent.



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Ranked items among the 114 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	29,278	71	114	1,725	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,684	42	114	1,182	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,594	83	114	1,916	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	17,363	37	112	744	2,871
Tobacco	377	3	20	334	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	8	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	104	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	331	15	105	682	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	759	25	108	1,219	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	788	80	114	1,483	3,046
Poultry and eggs	136	49	114	1,258	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,009	71	114	1,149	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	693	64	109	1,516	2,493
Hogs and pigs	438	76	112	1,071	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	175	6	113	491	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	126	73	113	1,564	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	17	50	107	1,607	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	31,493	63	114	1,013	3,059
Quail	(D)	3	57	(D)	1,412
Pheasants	(D)	2	57	(D)	1,541
Hogs and pigs	3,664	68	112	962	2,926
Sheep and lambs	2,583	2	109	430	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	43,383	52	103	603	2,076
Corn for grain	33,508	33	107	626	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,827	71	114	828	3,059
All Wheat for grain	8,039	34	111	724	2,517
All Field and grass seed crops	539	65	108	209	1,293

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	196
\$1,000 to \$2,499	96
\$2,500 to \$4,999	87
\$5,000 to \$9,999	97
\$10,000 to \$19,999	101
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17
\$50,000 to \$99,999	84
\$100,000 to \$249,999	45
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17
\$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	23,277
Average per farm (\$)	28,772
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,404
Average per farm (\$)	15,333

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	455
Other	351
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	726
Female	80
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,168
Black or African American	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	3
All operators ² 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.

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.