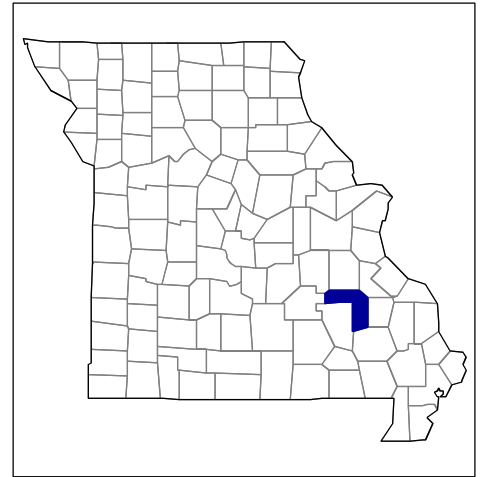




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Number of farms

299 farms in 2002, 313 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

70,520 acres in 2002, 66,968 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Average size of farm

236 acres in 2002, 214 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$3,640,000 in 2002, \$6,473,000 in 1997, down 44 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$450,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,189,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

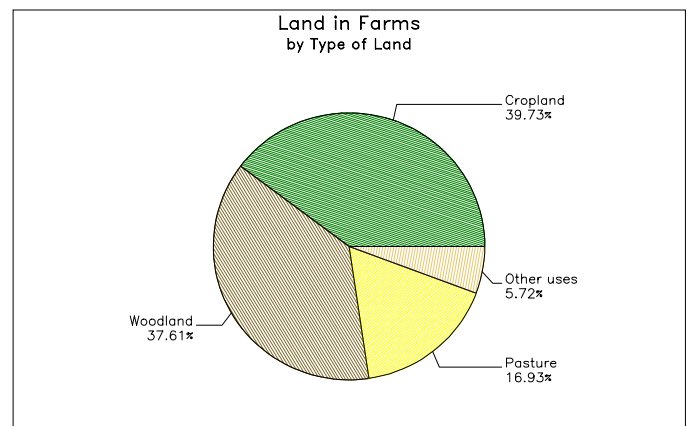
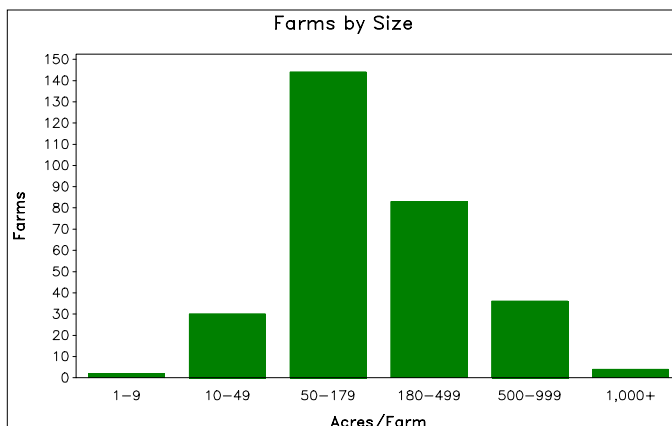
\$12,172 in 2002, \$20,682 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Government Payments

\$69,000 in 2002, \$51,000 in 1997, up 35 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,435 in 2002, \$3,217 in 1997, down 55 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	3,640	113	114	2,848	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	450	112	114	2,904	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,189	108	114	2,557	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	20	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	8	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	104	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	105	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	61	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,707	105	114	1,966	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	109	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	9	98	113	2,353	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	113	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	107	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	10,674	105	114	2,001	3,059
Hogs and pigs	1,045	85	112	1,332	2,926
Horses and ponies	491	103	114	2,186	3,065
All Goats	185	71	113	1,874	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	122	109	113	2,654	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,465	102	114	1,478	3,059
All Field and grass seed crops	(D)	84	108	(D)	1,293
All Wheat for grain	(D)	105	111	(D)	2,517
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	49	81	(D)	1,877
Hazelnuts (Filberts)	(D)	2	3	(D)	126

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	64	Farming	177
\$1,000 to \$2,499	56	Other	122
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	43	Male	280
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	405
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,997	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	9,925	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-106	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-351	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.