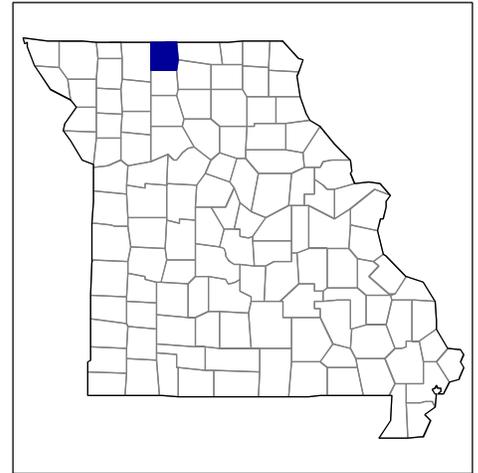# 2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile

Mercer, Missouri

Number of farms

569 farms in 2002, 601 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

212,001 acres in 2002, 238,477 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

373 acres in 2002, 397 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

$83,380,000 in 2002, $123,076,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.
   Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.
   Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.
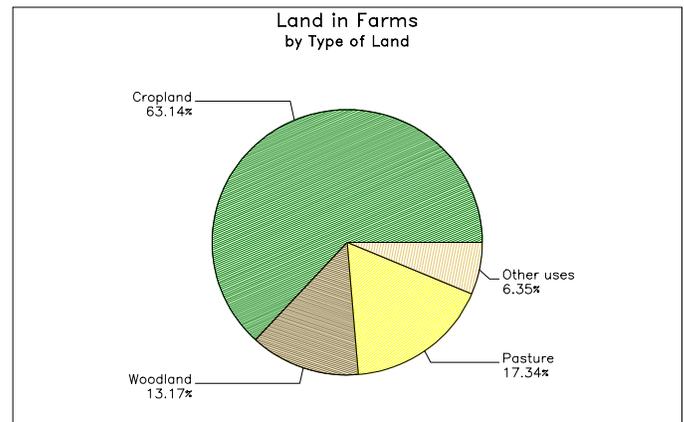
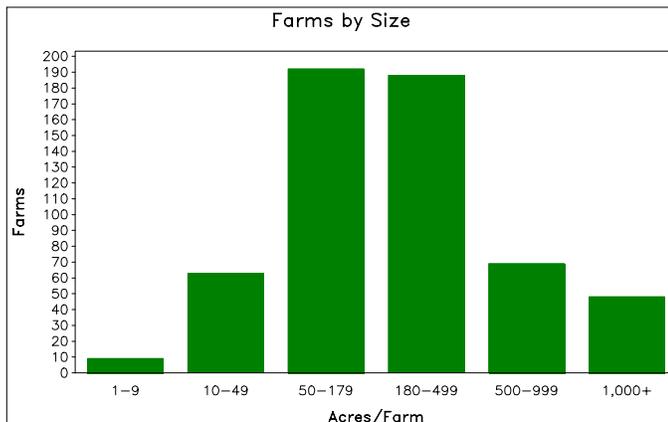**Market Value of Production, average per farm**

$146,538 in 2002, $204,786 in 1997, down 28 percent.

Government Payments

$3,028,000 in 2002, $2,686,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

$7,764 in 2002, $7,588 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Farms by Size

Land in Farms by Type of Land

Cropland 63.14%
Other uses 6.35%
Pasture 17.34%
Woodland 13.17%

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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	83,380	11	114	660	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	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	(D)	(D)	105	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	108	-	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	8	81	114	2,068	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	114	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	161	94	109	2,029	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	27	61	113	1,692	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	75	94	113	2,039	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	46	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	107	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	112	(D)	2,926
Cattle and calves	27,412	72	114	1,141	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	866	62	113	1,508	2,983
Horses and ponies	591	97	114	1,965	3,065
Sheep and lambs	559	52	109	1,378	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29,405	65	114	741	3,059
Soybeans	22,783	65	103	799	2,076
Corn for grain	13,678	56	107	935	2,592
Corn for silage	(D)	84	101	(D)	2,307
All Field and grass seed crops [3]	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	1,293

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	178
$1,000 to $2,499	34
$2,500 to $4,999	35
$5,000 to $9,999	65
$10,000 to $19,999	80
$20,000 to $24,999	30
$25,000 to $39,999	43
$40,000 to $49,999	19
$50,000 to $99,999	40
$100,000 to $249,999	31
$250,000 to $499,999	11
$500,000 or more	3
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	86,492
Average per farm ($)	151,209
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	2,001
Average per farm ($)	3,498

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	341
Other	228
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	509
Female	60
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
All operators [2] by race:	
White	835
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
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.
[3] Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.