



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Benton, Missouri



Number of farms

839 farms in 2002, 887 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

258,867 acres in 2002, 245,135 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

309 acres in 2002, 276 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$31,208,000 in 2002, \$30,832,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,937,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,270,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

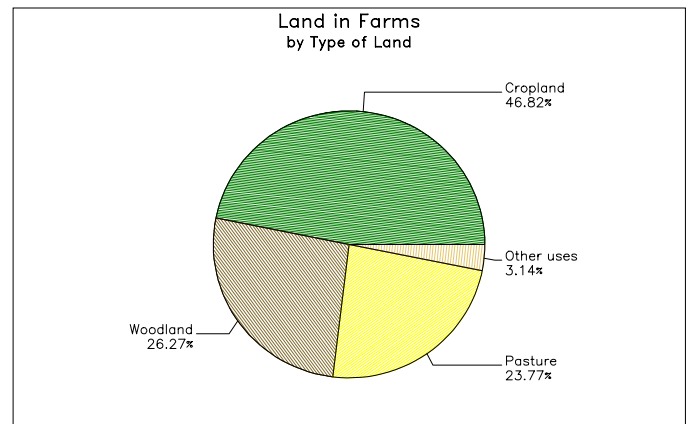
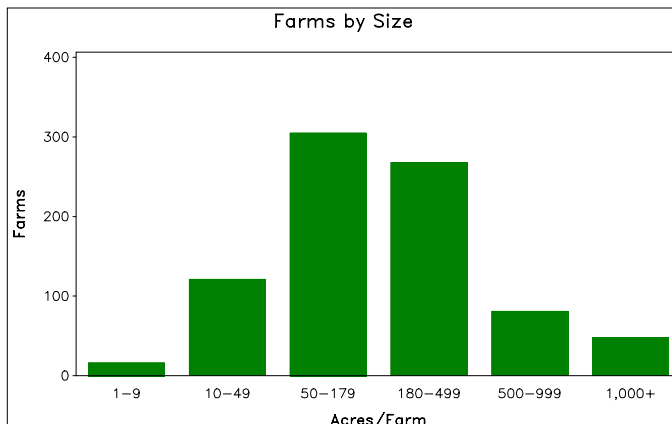
\$37,196 in 2002, \$34,760 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$836,000 in 2002, \$730,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,265 in 2002, \$4,078 in 1997, down 20 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	31,208	68	114	1,665	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,937	77	114	1,989	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,270	44	114	1,093	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,028	69	112	1,232	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	20	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	8	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	37	71	104	2,147	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	10	88	105	2,207	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	59	86	108	2,226	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	61	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	804	74	114	1,467	3,046
Poultry and eggs	9,713	16	114	461	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,197	51	114	910	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,287	35	109	958	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	54	42	113	1,201	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)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	687,712	9	108	342	2,599
Turkeys	70,400	14	100	189	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	12	113	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	44,897	44	114	667	3,059
Hogs and pigs	1,501	79	112	1,219	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	42,631	40	114	434	3,059
Soybeans	18,881	69	103	861	2,076
Corn for grain	8,700	71	107	1,098	2,592
All Wheat for grain	6,484	41	111	812	2,517
All Field and grass seed crops	2,557	38	108	89	1,293

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	145	Farming	504
\$1,000 to \$2,499	107	Other	335
\$2,500 to \$4,999	92	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	125	Male	768
\$10,000 to \$19,999	143	Female	71
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	76	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	White	1,221
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	Black or African American	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	8	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	30,066	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	35,665	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,573		
Average per farm (\$)	3,052		

(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.