

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Decatur, Tennessee

Number of farms

438 farms in 2002, 527 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

Land in farms

88,313 acres in 2002, 98,691 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

202 acres in 2002, 187 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$4,350,000 in 2002, \$4,570,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,532,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,818,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

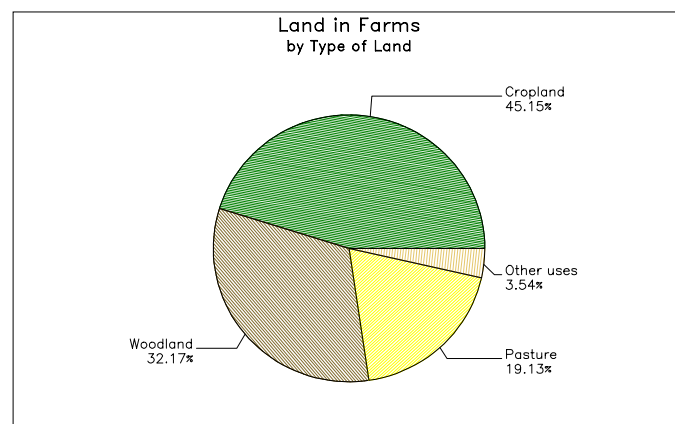
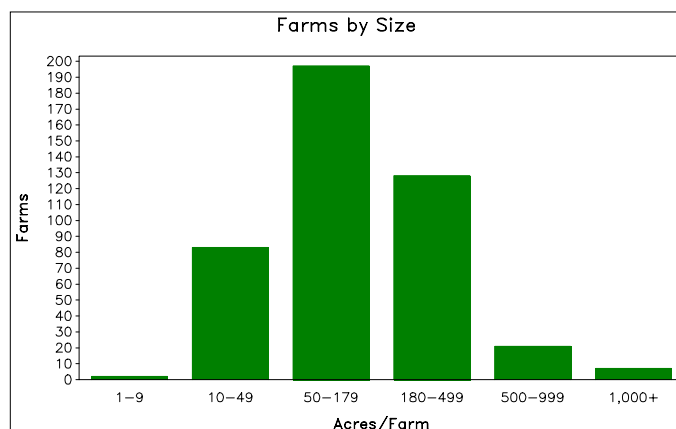
\$9,932 in 2002, \$8,672 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Government Payments

\$346,000 in 2002, \$316,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,279 in 2002, \$2,095 in 1997, up 9 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 95 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	4,350	88	95	2,803	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,532	82	95	2,594	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,818	74	95	2,597	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	939	40	94	1,789	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	69	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	24	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	92	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	240	64	94	1,733	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	309	62	95	2,286	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,421	68	95	2,034	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	218	20	93	1,233	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	25	42	94	1,739	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	48	88	94	2,367	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	90	14	89	907	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	11,451	69	95	1,940	3,059
Hogs and pigs	1,489	22	93	1,223	2,926
All Goats	792	46	94	635	2,971
Horses and ponies	382	88	95	2,417	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	209	86	94	2,452	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,054	58	95	1,592	3,059
Soybeans	4,915	35	81	1,205	2,076
Corn for grain	1,786	43	94	1,605	2,592
Sod harvested	(D)	15	26	(D)	740
Nursery stock	(D)	32	78	(D)	2,129

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	134	Farming	224
\$1,000 to \$2,499	79	Other	214
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Male	406
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	32
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	596
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,344	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	12,201	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-373	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	-851	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.