

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Bledsoe, Tennessee

Number of farms

560 farms in 2002, 602 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

92,798 acres in 2002, 98,730 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

166 acres in 2002, 164 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$25,646,000 in 2002, \$41,410,000 in 1997, down 38 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,591,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$19,056,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

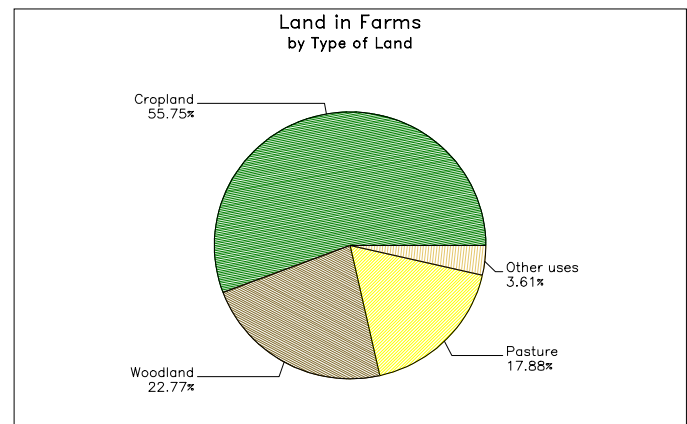
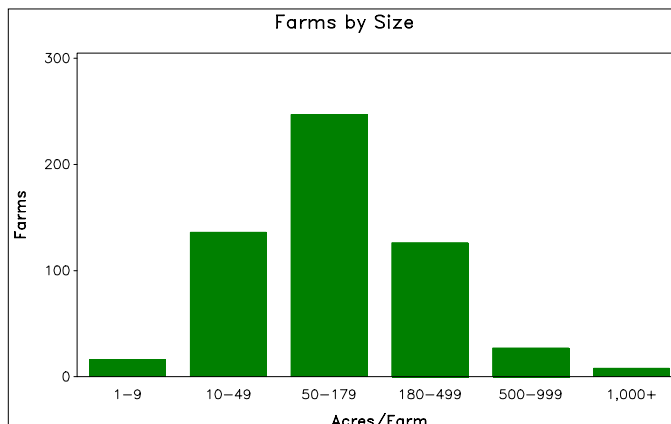
\$45,797 in 2002, \$68,787 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Government Payments

\$187,000 in 2002, \$183,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,332 in 2002, \$1,993 in 1997, up 17 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	25,646	32	95	1,867	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,591	38	95	1,924	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,056	20	95	1,342	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	237	60	94	2,191	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	69	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	24	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,192	5	92	302	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	564	48	94	1,369	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	351	55	95	2,180	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7,752	15	93	521	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,784	17	95	1,079	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,367	25	73	945	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	10	70	94	2,313	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	136	64	94	1,477	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	118,215	4	94	367	2,983
Cattle and calves	30,724	28	95	1,040	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	33	89	(D)	2,599
Horses and ponies	864	63	95	1,482	3,065
Rabbits	(D)	5	71	(D)	1,966
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,327	39	95	1,044	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	1,245	5	90	376	2,710
Corn for grain	1,152	49	94	1,762	2,592
Pumpkins	559	1	68	17	1,714
Tomatoes	521	5	65	61	2,209

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	101
\$1,000 to \$2,499	71
\$2,500 to \$4,999	83
\$5,000 to \$9,999	103
\$10,000 to \$19,999	77
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30
\$100,000 to \$249,999	25
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12
\$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,784
Average per farm (\$)	35,391
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,365
Average per farm (\$)	7,809

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	294
Other	266
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	512
Female	48
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	780
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.