

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Houston, Tennessee

#### Number of farms

336 farms in 2002, 337 farms in 1997, down slightly.

#### Land in farms

48,824 acres in 2002, 51,062 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

#### Average size of farm

145 acres in 2002, 152 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$4,531,000 in 2002, \$4,304,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$651,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,880,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

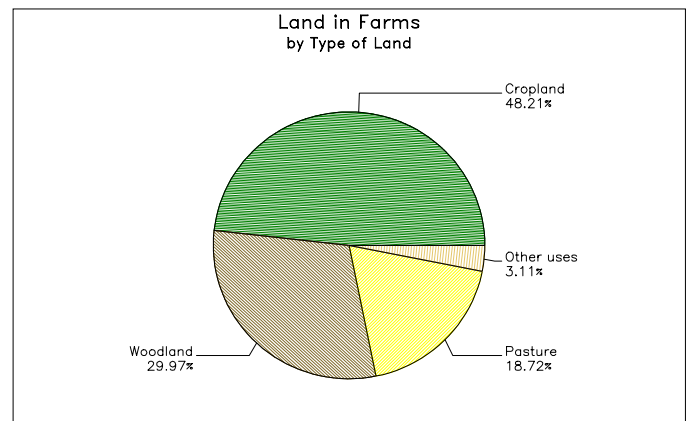
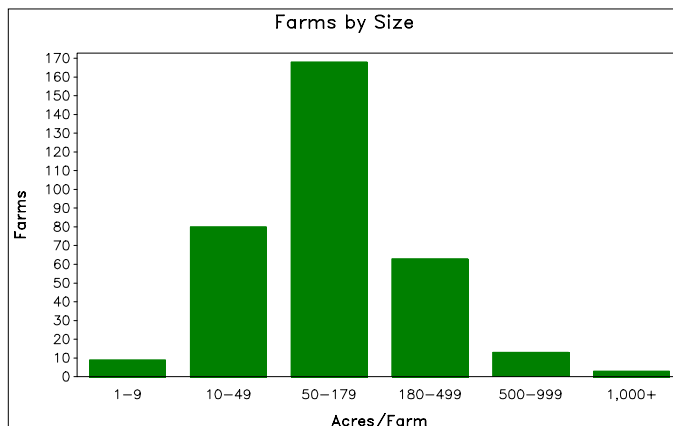
\$13,485 in 2002, \$12,772 in 1997, up 6 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$63,000 in 2002, \$75,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,909 in 2002, \$1,564 in 1997, up 22 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 95 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,531	86	95	2,796	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	651	92	95	2,848	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,880	68	95	2,463	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	415	42	69	326	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	24	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	92	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	91	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	136	89	95	2,699	3,046
Poultry and eggs	25	56	93	1,648	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,766	55	95	1,738	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	87	76	94	1,897	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	52	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	89	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	12,129	65	95	1,897	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	954	50	94	1,428	2,983
Horses and ponies	511	81	95	2,132	3,065
Ducks	163	40	91	720	2,630
All Goats	142	89	94	2,077	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,569	65	95	1,715	3,059
Corn for grain	379	74	94	2,051	2,592
Soybeans	(D)	75	81	(D)	2,076
Tobacco	81	50	69	356	563
All Field and grass seed crops	(D)	16	29	(D)	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	78	Farming	139
\$1,000 to \$2,499	69	Other	197
\$2,500 to \$4,999	71		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Male	303
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	33
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	472
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	4,951	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	14,692	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-427	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	-1,268	All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.