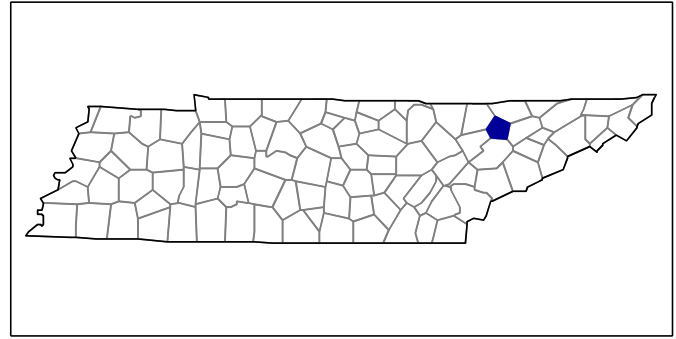




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Union, Tennessee

### Number of farms

585 farms in 2002, 635 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Land in farms

47,951 acres in 2002, 56,191 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Average size of farm

82 acres in 2002, 88 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$2,933,000 in 2002, \$3,962,000 in 1997, down 26 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,150,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,783,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

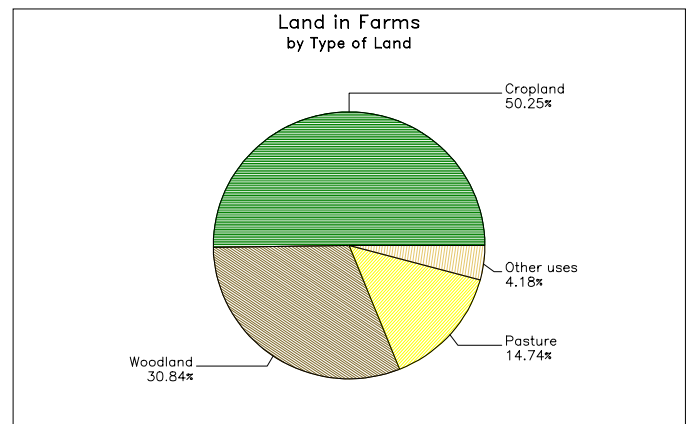
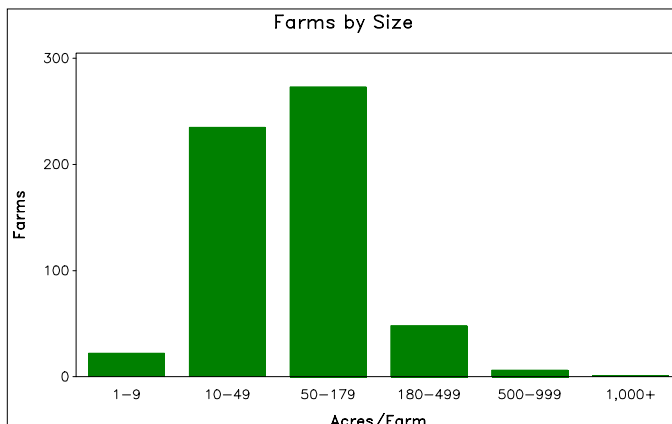
\$5,013 in 2002, \$6,239 in 1997, down 20 percent.

### Government Payments

\$60,000 in 2002, \$107,000 in 1997, down 44 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$869 in 2002, \$1,549 in 1997, down 44 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	2,933	92	95	2,887	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,150	87	95	2,683	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,783	87	95	2,748	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3	92	94	2,816	2,871
Tobacco	849	31	69	271	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	24	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	31	81	92	2,215	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	7	74	91	2,310	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	22	90	94	2,440	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	50	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	237	72	95	2,434	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	76	93	2,181	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,608	80	95	2,305	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	89	93	2,773	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	72	94	2,379	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	120	68	94	1,612	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	52	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	10,064	74	95	2,042	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	828	55	94	1,530	2,983
Horses and ponies	798	68	95	1,569	3,065
All Goats	208	85	94	1,789	2,971
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	110	60	89	1,761	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,202	69	95	1,752	3,059
Tobacco	288	28	69	264	563
Corn for grain	65	91	94	2,368	2,592
Corn for silage	(D)	72	82	(D)	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	10	83	90	2,233	2,710

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	159	Farming	280
\$1,000 to \$2,499	151	Other	305
\$2,500 to \$4,999	112		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	100	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	34	Male	526
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Female	59
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	822
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,171	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	5,449	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,200	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-2,061	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.