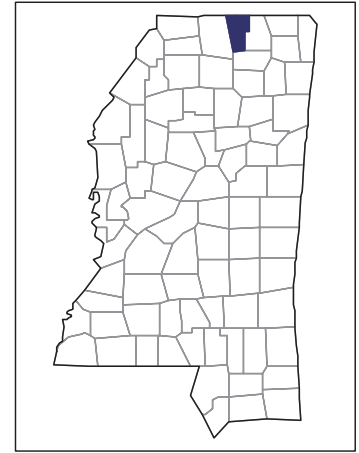


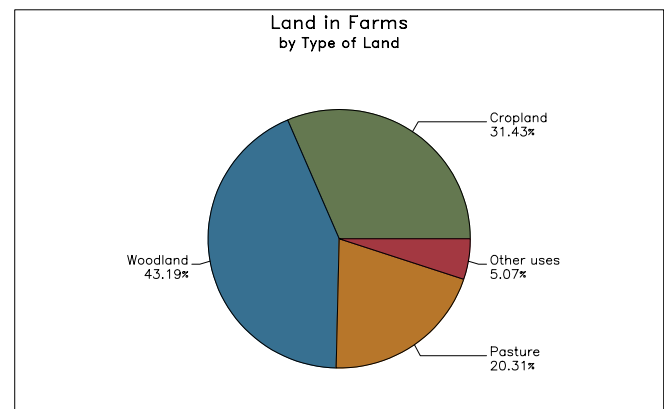
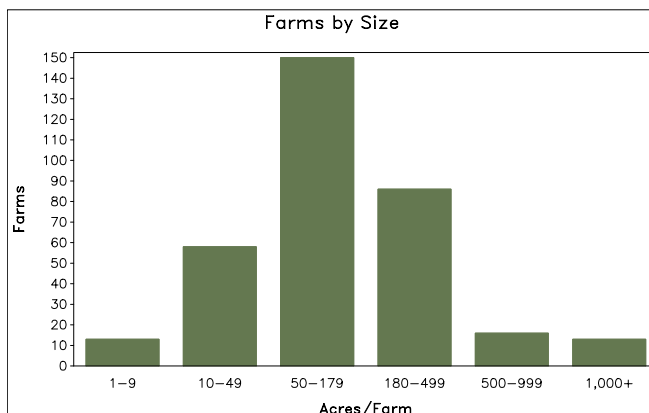
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Benton County Mississippi

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	336	302	+ 11
Land in Farms	86,156 acres	100,440 acres	- 14
Average Size of Farm	256 acres	333 acres	- 23
Market Value of Products Sold	\$7,313,000	\$8,628,000	- 15
Crop Sales \$3,303,000 (45 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$4,010,000 (55 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$21,766	\$28,571	- 24
Government Payments	\$958,000	\$1,185,000	- 19
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,349	\$8,522	- 37



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Benton County – Mississippi

Ranked items among the 82 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	7,313	75	82	2,723	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,303	58	82	2,421	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,010	62	82	2,540	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,432	37	82	1,732	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	174	54	60	512	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	14	71	79	2,123	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	24	74	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	48	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	148	72	82	2,763	3,054
Poultry and eggs	5	71	76	2,711	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,827	30	81	1,891	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	43	50	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	51	75	2,599	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	13	35	77	2,498	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	132	19	77	1,475	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	72	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	9,331	28	68	1,047	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,609	68	82	2,511	3,060
Corn for grain	3,058	39	82	1,567	2,634
Cotton, all	760	52	60	488	627
Wheat for grain, all	470	46	61	1,856	2,481
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,110	57	81	2,250	3,060
Quail	(D)	28	48	(D)	1,386
Horses and ponies	480	60	82	2,288	3,066
Goats, all	204	57	78	2,243	3,023
Layers	109	75	76	2,825	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	188	Farming	105
\$1,000 to \$2,499	28	Other	231
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	26	Male	284
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27	Female	52
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	Black or African American	95
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	3	White	377
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,669	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	31,754	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,706		
Average per farm (\$)	-5,078		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.