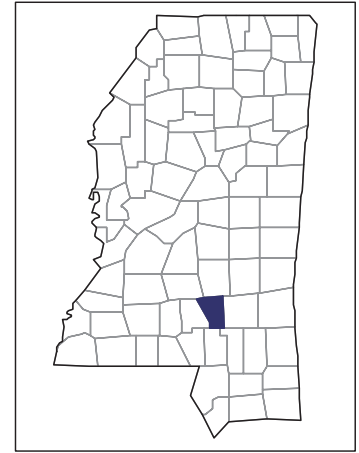


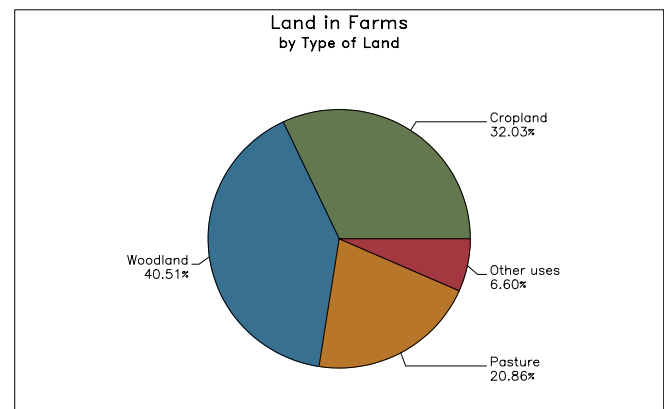
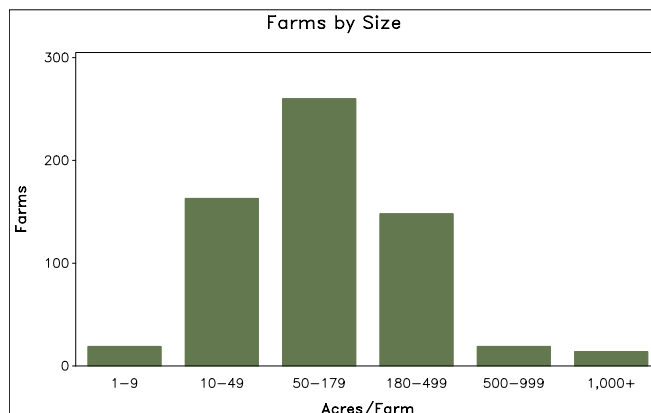
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Covington County Mississippi



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	623	565	+ 10
Land in Farms	116,388 acres	103,199 acres	+ 13
Average Size of Farm	187 acres	183 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$163,056,000	\$62,473,000	+ 161
Crop Sales \$5,304,000 (3 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$157,751,000 (97 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$261,727	\$110,572	+ 137
Government Payments	\$599,000	\$246,000	+ 143
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,545	\$1,925	+ 84



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Covington 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	163,056	9	82	474	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,304	43	82	2,214	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	157,751	7	82	186	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	537	56	82	2,129	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	51	60	(D)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	9	80	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,665	6	79	330	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	670	18	74	1,265	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	48	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	615	33	82	1,993	3,054
Poultry and eggs	130,110	8	76	64	3,020
Cattle and calves	27,598	1	81	473	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	50	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	68	75	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	67	77	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	40	58	77	2,340	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	47	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1	55	72	2,621	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,604	6	82	1,282	3,060
Cotton, all	(D)	50	60	(D)	627
Corn for grain	641	57	82	2,001	2,634
Peanuts for nuts	(D)	12	38	(D)	347
Soybeans for beans	527	54	68	1,666	2,039
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	8,310,393	8	61	47	2,476
Layers	431,190	3	76	177	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	90,300	12	70	258	2,627
Cattle and calves	39,034	2	81	808	3,060
Quail	(D)	19	48	(D)	1,386

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	220	Farming	256
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45	Other	367
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	56	Male	529
\$10,000 to \$19,999	53	Female	94
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	Black or African American	92
\$250,000 to \$499,999	30	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	78	White	782
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	128,274	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	205,897	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	36,875		
Average per farm (\$)	59,189		

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.