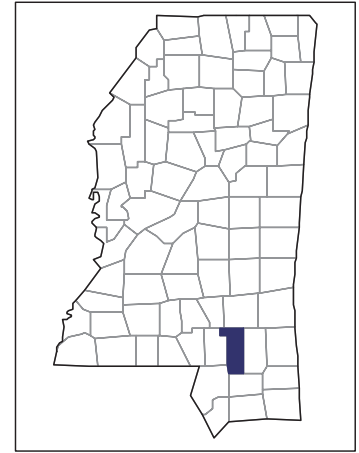


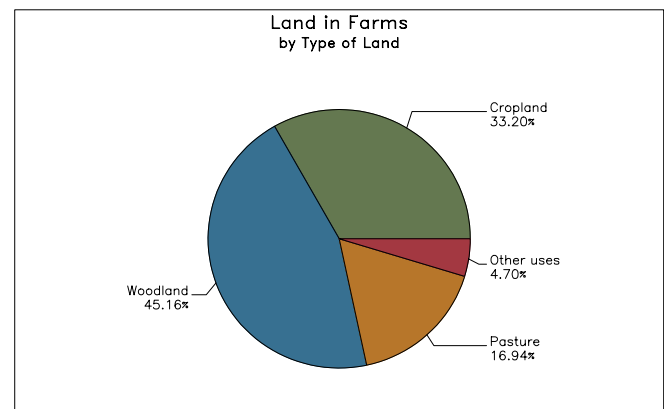
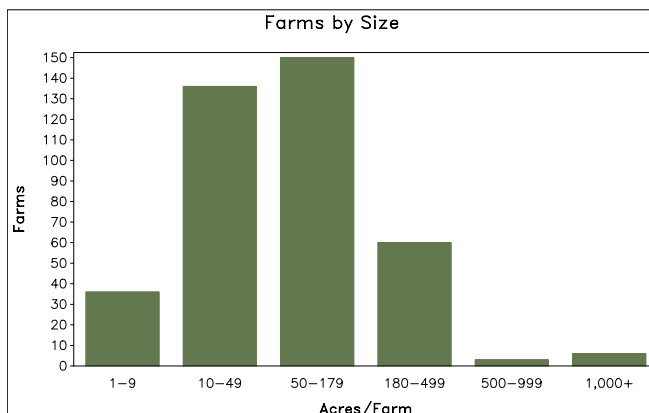
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Forrest County Mississippi



| | 2007 | 2002 | % change |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 391 | 440 | - 11 |
| Land in Farms | 45,532 acres | 45,496 acres | 0 |
| Average Size of Farm | 116 acres | 103 acres | + 13 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$23,179,000 | \$13,648,000 | + 70 |
| Crop Sales \$5,320,000 (23 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$17,859,000 (77 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$59,281 | \$31,019 | + 91 |
| Government Payments | \$999,000 | \$340,000 | + 194 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$9,513 | \$5,959 | + 60 |



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Forrest 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 | 23,179 | 47 | 82 | 2,164 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 5,320 | 42 | 82 | 2,212 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 17,859 | 33 | 82 | 1,605 | 3,069 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | (D) | (D) | 82 | (D) | 2,933 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 437 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | (D) | (D) | 60 | (D) | 626 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | (D) | 15 | 80 | (D) | 2,796 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 1,549 | 8 | 79 | 359 | 2,659 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 352 | 30 | 74 | 1,581 | 2,703 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 48 | (D) | 1,710 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,088 | 5 | 82 | 1,422 | 3,054 |
| Poultry and eggs | 15,759 | 24 | 76 | 460 | 3,020 |
| Cattle and calves | 1,530 | 59 | 81 | 2,448 | 3,054 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | (D) | (D) | 50 | (D) | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 8 | 35 | 75 | 2,363 | 2,922 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 19 | 23 | 77 | 2,319 | 2,998 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 227 | 12 | 77 | 1,009 | 3,024 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 47 | - | 1,498 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 72 | (D) | 2,875 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 4,383 | 63 | 82 | 2,389 | 3,060 |
| Cotton, all | (D) | 46 | 60 | (D) | 627 |
| Short-rotation woody crops | 681 | 22 | 74 | 63 | 1,134 |
| Peanuts for nuts | (D) | 11 | 38 | (D) | 347 |
| Corn for grain | (D) | (D) | 82 | (D) | 2,634 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 1,169,213 | 21 | 61 | 291 | 2,476 |
| Cattle and calves | 5,429 | 65 | 81 | 2,416 | 3,060 |
| Horses and ponies | 649 | 48 | 82 | 1,945 | 3,066 |
| Layers | 565 | 51 | 76 | 2,082 | 3,024 |
| Goats, all | 232 | 52 | 78 | 2,135 | 3,023 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 168 | Farming | 142 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 53 | Other | 249 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 40 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 39 | Male | 327 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 32 | Female | 64 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 8 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 59.6 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 6 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 3 | American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 18 | Asian | 2 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 12 | Black or African American | 32 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 1 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 11 | White | 514 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 18,549 | More than one race | - |
| Average per farm (\$) | 47,441 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | - |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 6,341 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 16,219 | | |

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.