

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Benton, Tennessee

Number of farms

595 farms in 2002, 553 farms in 1997, up 8 percent.

Land in farms

78,013 acres in 2002, 79,360 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

131 acres in 2002, 144 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$5,187,000 in 2002, \$4,729,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,582,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,605,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

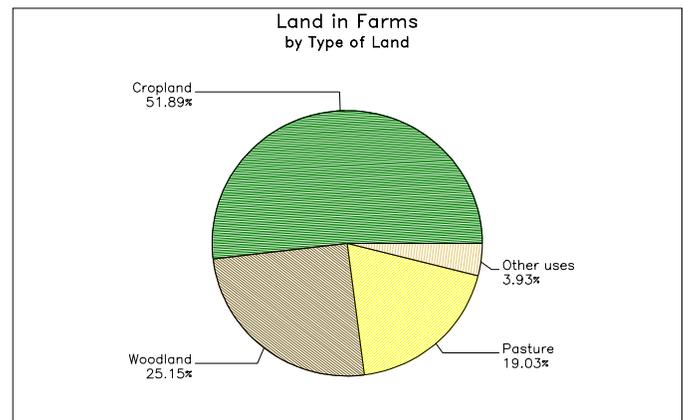
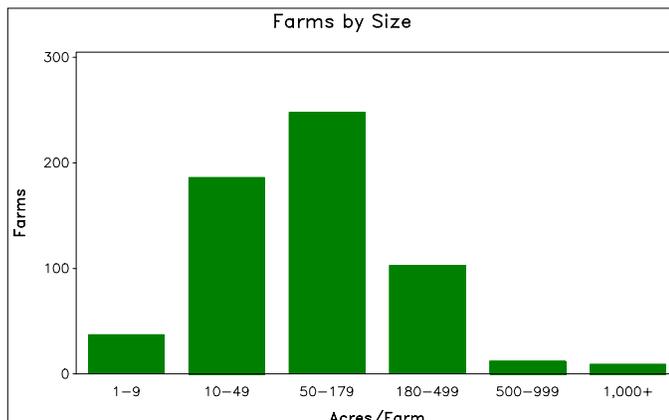
\$8,718 in 2002, \$8,552 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments

\$394,000 in 2002, \$449,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,343 in 2002, \$2,281 in 1997, up 3 percent.



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

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	5,187	82	95	2,763	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,582	81	95	2,587	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,605	71	95	2,498	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,239	35	94	1,724	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	69	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	24	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	14	86	92	2,409	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6	80	91	2,343	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	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	18	61	93	1,753	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	73	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	42	49	93	1,766	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	15	58	94	2,072	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	428	30	94	486	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	52	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	10	52	89	1,800	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	10,666	71	95	2,002	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,256	46	95	980	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	976	48	94	1,414	2,983
All Goats	839	41	94	588	2,971
Hogs and pigs	460	44	93	1,676	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,583	64	95	1,713	3,059
Soybeans	4,263	37	81	1,234	2,076
Corn for grain	2,831	34	94	1,462	2,592
Corn for silage	110	65	82	1,940	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	25	70	90	1,910	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	248	Farming	281
\$1,000 to \$2,499	108	Other	314
\$2,500 to \$4,999	84		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	71	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44	Male	529
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	66
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	White	831
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,235	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	13,864	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,893	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-3,186	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.