1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 342,237 acres in 1992 to 342,781 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 22 percent from 995 acres in 1992 to 1,211 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 247 farms in 1992 to 217 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

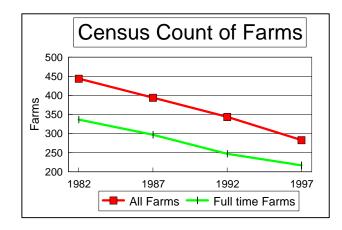
Increased 29 percent to \$146,480,000 in 1997.

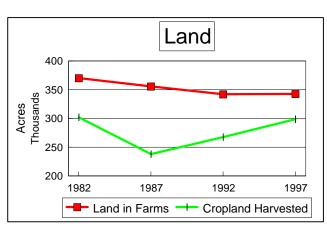
Crop sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 57 percent from \$330,629 in 1992 to \$517,598 in 1997.





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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

		State		U.S.	
Item	Quantity	Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	146,480	4	82	255	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	115,180	2	82	107	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	31,300	19	82	854	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	53,041	1	61	20	709
Soybeans	31,498	3	76	117	2,136
Aquaculture	31,012	3	54	3	1,505
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	18,552	2	24	40	1,971
Corn for grain	7,279	4	81	672	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	726	76	82	2,884	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	55	75	1,883	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	65	78	2,737	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,316	75	82	2,802	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	133	68	82	2,768	3,066
All goat inventory	(D)	63	81	2,050	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	70	76	2,653	2,884
Mule burro, and donkey inventory	8	55	76	2,107	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	140,362	3	76	75	2,144
Cotton-acres	89,884	1	61	27	713
Rice-acres	32,849	3	21	34	153
Corn for grain-acres	21,162	5	82	798	2,691
Wheat-acres	19,047	2	62	550	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

			Percent	
Item	1997	1992	Change	
Farms by value of sales:				
Less than \$10,000	41	64	-36	
\$10,000 or more	242	280	-14	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000	104,855	99,154	6	
Average per farmdollars	370,511	288,237	29	
Net cash return from agricultural sales				
for the farm unit\$1,000	40,613	12,290	230	
Average per farmdollars	143,509	35,726	302	
Farms by type of organization:				
Individual or family	119	165	-28	
Partnership or corporation	163	177	-8	
Other	1	2	-50	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS				
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming	217	247	-12	
Other	66	97	-32	
Operators by sex:				
Male	278	333	-17	
Female	5	11	-55	
Operators by race:				
White	252	309	-18	
Black and other races	31	35	-11	
Average age of operator	52.4	51.2	2	

⁽D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

^{*} Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.