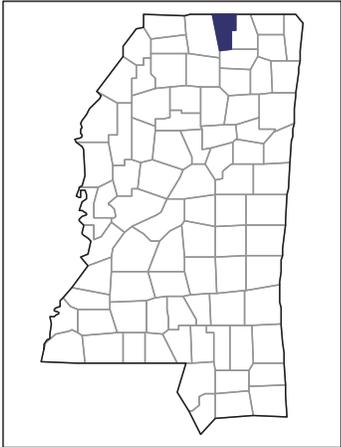


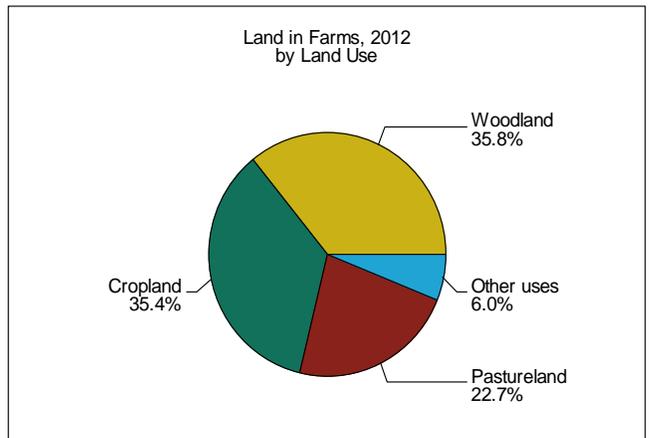
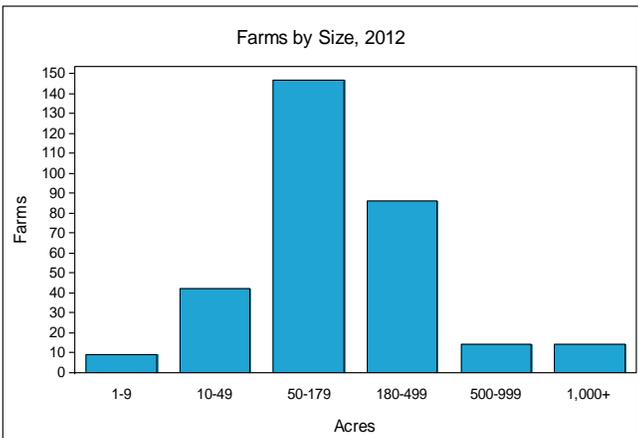
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Benton County Mississippi

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	312	336	- 7
<b>Land in Farms</b>	82,470 acres	86,156 acres	- 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	264 acres	256 acres	+ 3
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$14,538,000	\$7,313,000	+ 99
Crop Sales \$10,579,000 (73 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,959,000 (27 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$46,596	\$21,766	+ 114
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$740,000	\$958,000	- 23
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$4,203	\$5,349	- 21





## Benton County – Mississippi

### Ranked items among the 82 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	14,538	69	82	2,527	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,579	41	82	2,062	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,959	64	82	2,550	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	10,177	32	81	1,508	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	56	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	99	54	79	1,848	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	69	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	40	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	278	75	82	2,675	3,049
Poultry and eggs	4	65	75	2,704	3,013
Cattle and calves	3,740	35	81	1,995	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	40	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	-	-	59	-	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	210	1	74	758	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	5	76	78	2,911	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	70	-	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	14,680	29	72	1,019	2,162
Corn for grain	4,025	30	79	1,483	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,997	66	82	2,351	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	1,551	33	68	1,471	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	1,551	33	68	1,402	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,095	59	82	2,287	3,063
Goats, all	893	1	76	651	2,996
Sheep and lambs	450	10	66	1,524	2,897
Horses and ponies	351	66	82	2,391	3,072
Layers	167	66	79	2,805	3,040

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	173	Farming	115
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25	Other	197
\$2,500 to \$4,999	21	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	Male	266
\$10,000 to \$19,999	21	Female	46
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	64.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	69
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	11	White	360
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,601	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	40,388	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,137		
Average per farm (\$)	10,056		

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.