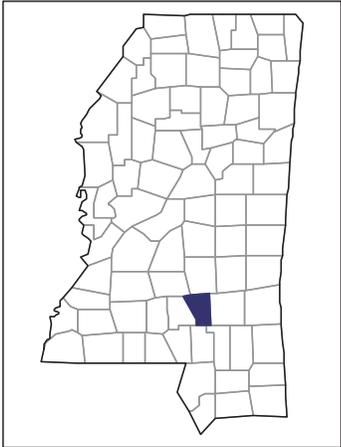


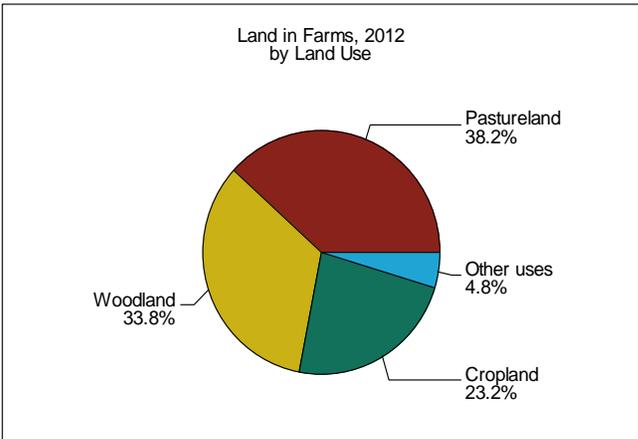
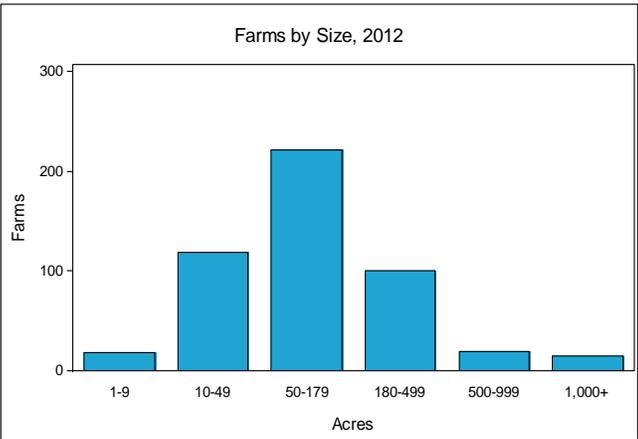
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Covington County Mississippi

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	493	623	- 21
Land in Farms	105,869 acres	116,388 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	215 acres	187 acres	+ 15
Market Value of Products Sold	\$203,529,000	\$163,056,000	+ 25
Crop Sales \$6,228,000 (3 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$197,301,000 (97 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$412,838	\$261,727	+ 58
Government Payments	\$617,000	\$599,000	+ 3
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,745	\$3,545	+ 34





Covington County – Mississippi

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

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	203,529	10	82	525	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,228	54	82	2,325	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	197,301	6	82	178	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,455	49	81	1,988	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	54	56	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	539	17	79	1,071	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	529	14	81	688	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	69	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,087	17	82	1,306	3,049
Poultry and eggs	148,050	8	75	65	3,013
Cattle and calves	49,154	1	81	280	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	40	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	59	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	64	74	2,836	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	78	43	78	2,020	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	13	32	70	2,104	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,533	22	82	1,584	3,057
Soybeans for beans	2,815	47	72	1,431	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	1,040	39	68	1,635	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	1,040	39	68	1,569	2,480
Peanuts for nuts	787	17	44	206	364
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	6,822,147	8	68	61	2,723
Layers	304,640	5	79	212	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	83,519	13	62	266	2,637
Cattle and calves	56,738	1	82	411	3,063
Roosters	36,516	5	57	55	2,120

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	133	Farming	226
\$1,000 to \$2,499	32	Other	267
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47	Male	420
\$10,000 to \$19,999	58	Female	73
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	Black or African American	68
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	89	White	633
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	176,100	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	357,200	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	28,788		
Average per farm (\$)	58,393		

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.

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.