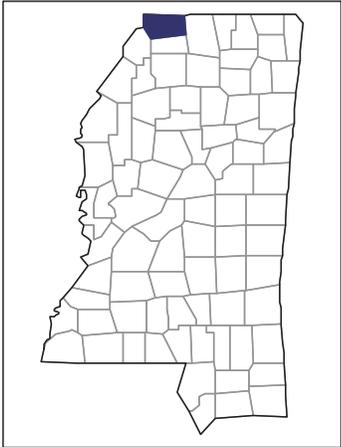


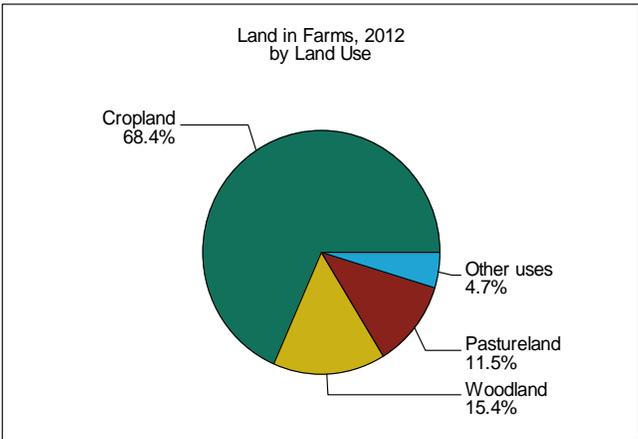
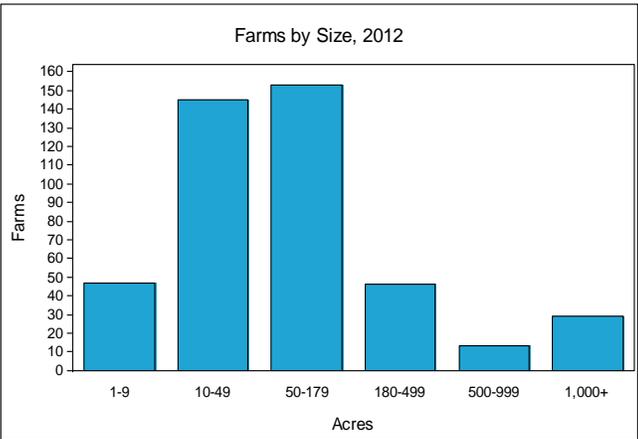
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



DeSoto County Mississippi

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	433	490	- 12
Land in Farms	118,686 acres	141,639 acres	- 16
Average Size of Farm	274 acres	289 acres	- 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$49,962,000	\$30,314,000	+ 65
Crop Sales \$45,083,000 (90 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$4,879,000 (10 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$115,385	\$61,866	+ 87
Government Payments	\$1,866,000	\$2,659,000	- 30
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$16,965	\$24,848	- 32





DeSoto 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	49,962	40	82	1,770	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	45,083	18	82	1,233	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,879	56	82	2,479	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	35,172	17	81	1,010	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	29	56	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	220	33	79	1,474	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	84	43	81	1,517	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	3	69	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	28	14	40	638	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	36	75	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,309	65	81	2,534	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	40	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	-	-	59	-	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	56	13	74	1,833	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	4	70	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	45,138	14	72	642	2,162
Sorghum for grain	6,858	3	37	160	1,220
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,441	47	82	2,026	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	5,703	15	68	923	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	5,703	15	68	846	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	35	68	(D)	2,723
Cattle and calves	5,209	65	82	2,375	3,063
Colonies of bees	(D)	3	75	(D)	2,761
Horses and ponies	1,283	9	82	885	3,072
Layers	1,130	41	79	1,767	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	170	Farming	217
\$1,000 to \$2,499	52	Other	216
\$2,500 to \$4,999	44		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Male	373
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	60
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	29	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,002	Black or African American	68
Average per farm (\$)	97,002	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	570
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,915	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	27,518	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-

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.