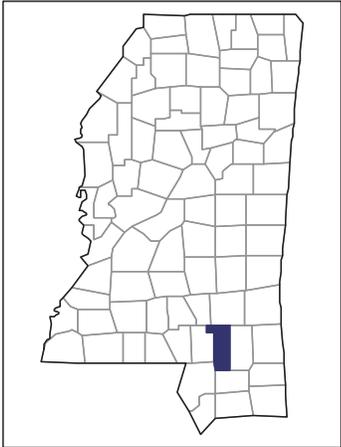


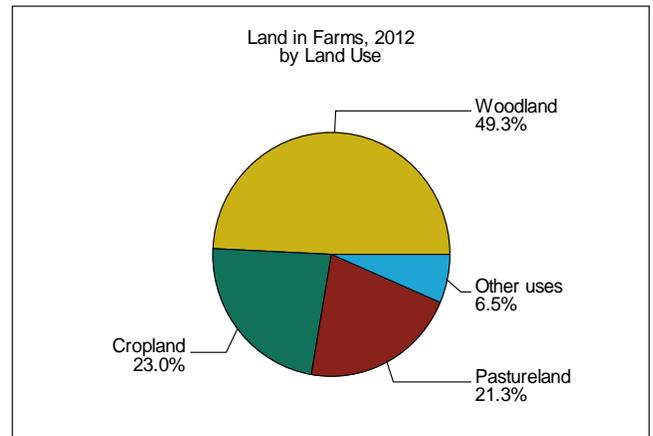
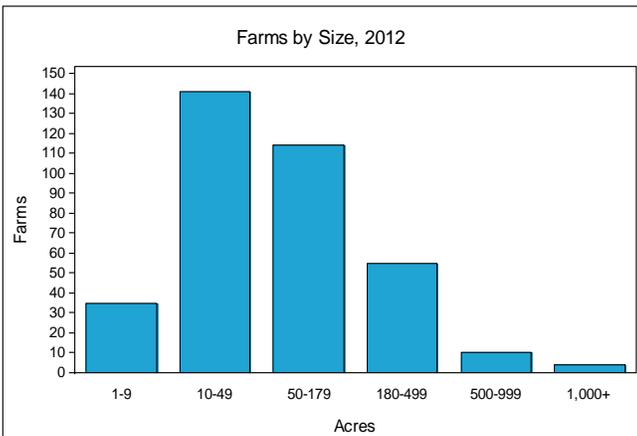
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Forrest County Mississippi

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	359	391	- 8
Land in Farms	42,759 acres	45,532 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	119 acres	116 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$20,849,000	\$23,179,000	- 10
Crop Sales \$4,750,000 (23 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$16,099,000 (77 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$58,074	\$59,281	- 2
Government Payments	\$598,000	\$999,000	- 40
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,874	\$9,513	- 28





Forrest 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	20,849	59	82	2,357	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,750	59	82	2,434	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,099	35	82	1,799	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	69	81	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	619	10	81	632	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	654	22	69	1,240	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	40	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,078	18	82	1,311	3,049
Poultry and eggs	13,959	28	75	532	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,647	59	81	2,422	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	40	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	7	28	59	2,235	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	36	23	74	2,124	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	121	32	78	1,684	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	40	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	70	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,614	67	82	2,419	3,057
Peanuts for nuts	(D)	12	44	(D)	364
Cotton, all	(D)	47	56	(D)	635
Upland cotton	(D)	47	56	(D)	635
Pecans, all	282	9	72	268	1,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	856,966	24	68	326	2,723
Cattle and calves	5,652	60	82	2,333	3,063
Layers	860	44	79	1,987	3,040
Horses and ponies	535	46	82	1,975	3,072
Goats, all	439	22	76	1,378	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	139	Farming	131
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40	Other	228
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38	Male	302
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Female	57
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	Black or African American	30
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	13	White	503
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	18,265	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	50,878	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	19
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,389		
Average per farm (\$)	9,439		

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.