

**Number of Missouri Farms with Change and Percent Change, 1997-2002
By Dept. of Economic Development Region**

DED Economic Region	Number of Farms		Change 1997-2002	
	2002	1997	Number	Percent
-Missouri Totals-	106,797	110,986	-4,189	-3.8
St. Louis MSA	5,436	5,483	-47	-0.9
Kansas City MSA	7,267	7,665	-398	-5.2
Springfield - Branson	9,546	9,934	-388	-3.9
Central	11,765	11,987	-222	-1.9
Bootheel	4,596	5,275	-679	-12.9
Lake Ozark Rolla	7,782	8,250	-468	-5.7
Lower East Central-Cape	6,160	6,253	-93	-1.5
North Central	6,925	7,035	-110	-1.6
Northeast	9,681	9,802	-121	-1.2
Northwest	9,153	9,154	-1	-0.0
South Central	8,030	8,689	-659	-7.6
Southwest	11,980	12,535	-555	-4.4
West Central	8,476	8,924	-448	-5.0

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