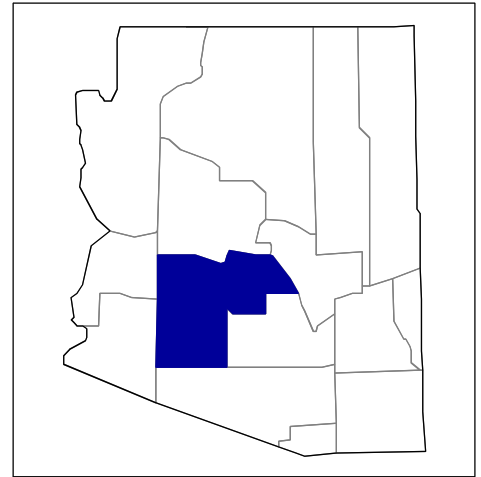


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Number of farms

2,110 farms in 2002, 2,444 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

627,254 acres in 2002, 742,287 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Average size of farm

297 acres in 2002, 304 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$740,183,000 in 2002, \$678,396,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$390,449,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$349,734,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

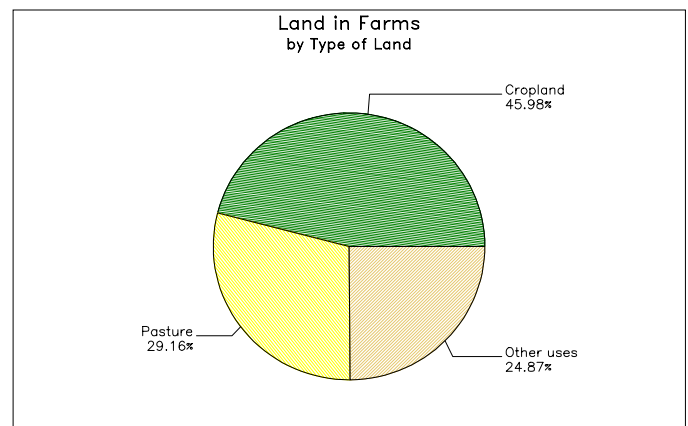
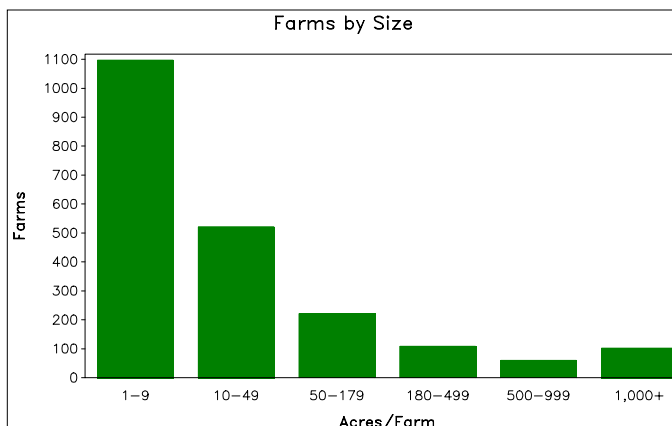
\$350,797 in 2002, \$277,576 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Government Payments

\$9,721,000 in 2002, \$9,293,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$59,275 in 2002, \$30,771 in 1997, up 93 percent.



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Ranked items among the 15 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	740,183	2	15	20	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	390,449	2	15	22	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	349,734	1	15	26	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	20,626	1	13	662	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	33,971	2	9	27	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	99,645	2	15	23	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	150,207	1	13	15	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	5	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	65,387	1	15	10	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	288,189	1	12	6	2,493
Hogs and pigs	225	3	14	1,222	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	666	3	15	136	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	416	1	6	296	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	979	1	14	128	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	1	15	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	203,382	2	15	35	3,059
Colonies of bees	16,223	1	13	21	2,392
Sheep and lambs	(D)	5	15	(D)	2,867
Horses and ponies	10,493	1	15	7	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	94,230	1	15	49	3,059
All Cotton	50,354	2	9	69	663
Corn for silage	21,432	1	9	44	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	17,010	2	15	39	2,710
Barley	16,508	2	9	72	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	848	Farming	1,194
\$1,000 to \$2,499	282	Other	916
\$2,500 to \$4,999	180		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	132	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	122	Male	1,541
\$20,000 to \$24,999	37	Female	569
\$25,000 to \$39,999	72		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	53		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	76	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	53	White	3,263
\$500,000 or more	228	Black or African American	18
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	585,471	American Indian or Alaska Native	34
Average per farm (\$)	277,211	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		Asian	26
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	176,552	More than one race	18
Average per farm (\$)	83,595	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	205

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.