



2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

California

Number of farms

79,631 farms in 2002, 87,991 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

27,589,027 acres in 2002, 28,795,834 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

346 acres in 2002, 327 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$25,737,173,000 in 2002, \$23,280,110,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$19,152,722,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,584,451,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

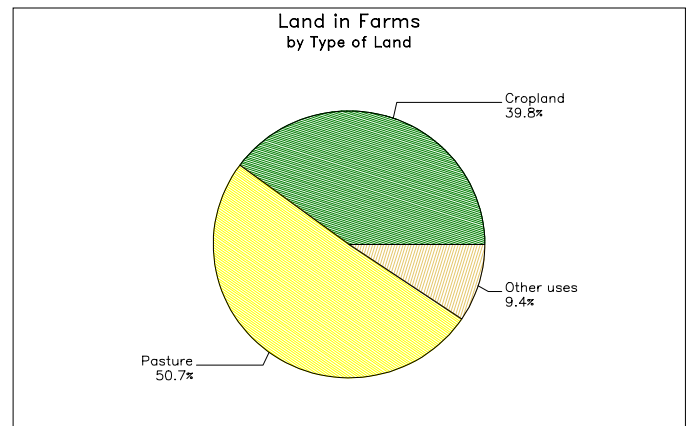
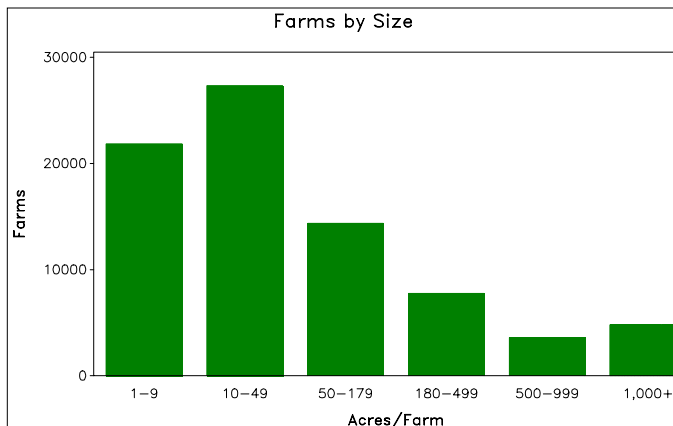
\$323,205 in 2002, \$264,574 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Government Payments

\$168,698,000 in 2002, \$125,440,000 in 1997, up 34 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$23,340 in 2002, \$17,953 in 1997, up 30 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	25,737,173	1	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,152,722	1	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,584,451	2	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	722,093	15	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	682,996	2	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	4,785,101	1	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	8,720,660	1	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,286,627	1	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	12,028	8	50
Other crops and hay	943,216	1	50
Poultry and eggs	1,017,988	7	50
Cattle and calves	1,582,334	8	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,739,213	1	50
Hogs and pigs	27,488	26	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	52,418	3	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	32,397	8	50
Aquaculture	64,557	5	50
Other animals and other animal products	68,057	2	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	33,239,341	14	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	22,768,304	4	50
Turkeys	5,950,670	6	50
Cattle and calves	5,234,177	5	50
Ducks	956,606	2	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,952,522	14	50
All Vegetables harvested	1,197,481	1	50
Grapes	890,896	1	49
Almonds	696,424	1	17
All Cotton	694,653	6	17

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	16,529
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6,833
\$2,500 to \$4,999	6,038
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7,262
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7,169
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2,286
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4,957
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,174
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6,798
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7,281
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4,145
\$500,000 or more	8,159
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,527,198
Average per farm (\$)	257,701
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,931,847
Average per farm (\$)	74,469

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	49,132
Other	30,499
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	67,016
Female	12,615
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	112,321
Black or African American	388
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,560
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	354
Asian	5,379
More than one race	899
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11,985

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.