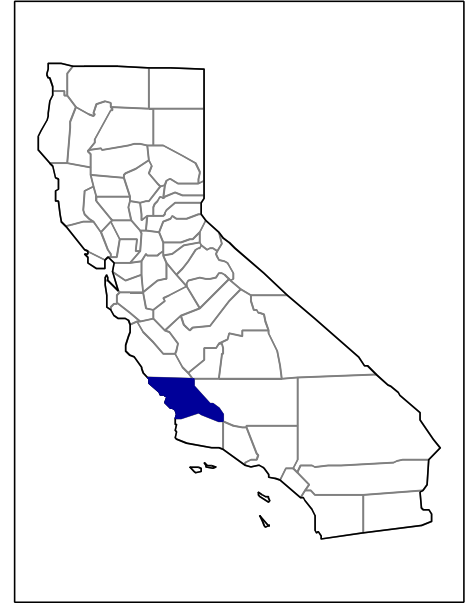


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Number of farms

2,322 farms in 2002, 2,343 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

1,318,142 acres in 2002, 1,344,641 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

568 acres in 2002, 574 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$396,394,000 in 2002, \$322,406,000 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$366,253,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$30,141,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

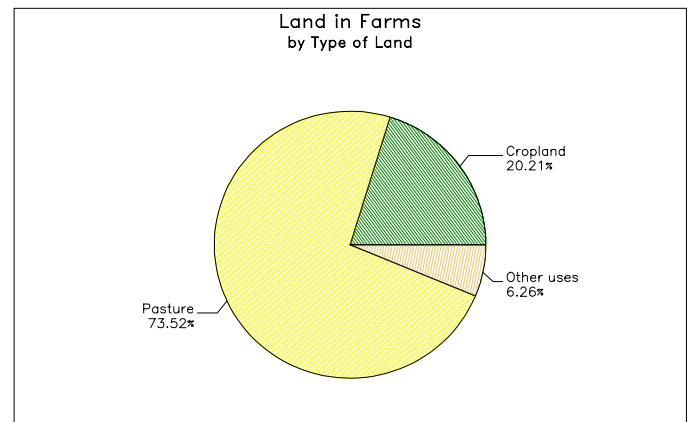
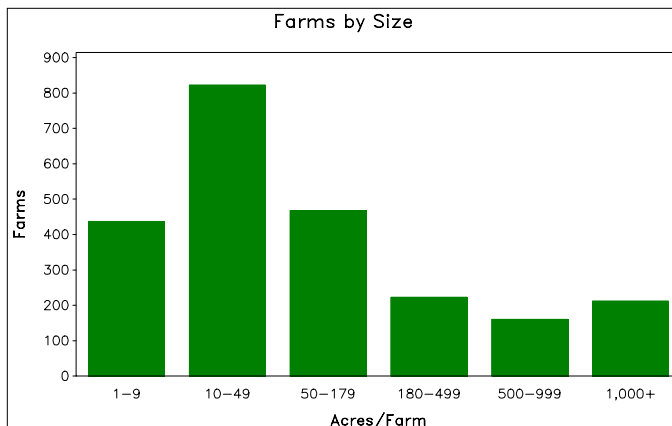
\$170,712 in 2002, \$137,604 in 1997, up 24 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,951,000 in 2002, \$4,364,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,051 in 2002, \$22,041 in 1997, down 50 percent.



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Ranked items among the 58 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	396,394	18	58	44	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	366,253	17	58	24	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	30,141	21	58	934	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,986	25	48	1,567	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	138,551	10	56	16	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	113,129	18	55	27	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	106,328	12	55	25	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	298	14	43	176	1,774
Other crops and hay	5,961	20	57	216	3,046
Poultry and eggs	380	27	56	1,099	2,918
Cattle and calves	21,749	13	57	463	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,069	35	47	1,338	2,493
Hogs and pigs	78	19	53	1,539	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,933	5	56	52	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,412	9	54	71	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	83,746	12	57	203	3,059
Sheep and lambs	16,570	10	57	72	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	13,257	16	56	723	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	15	50	(D)	2,599
All Goats	5,963	3	55	47	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Vegetables harvested	31,566	12	56	20	2,710
Grapes	25,953	10	52	10	1,830
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,919	18	57	856	3,059
Barley	17,046	1	34	68	1,246
Broccoli	8,473	3	42	4	669

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	649
\$1,000 to \$2,499	205
\$2,500 to \$4,999	163
\$5,000 to \$9,999	225
\$10,000 to \$19,999	243
\$20,000 to \$24,999	62
\$25,000 to \$39,999	143
\$40,000 to \$49,999	74
\$50,000 to \$99,999	170
\$100,000 to \$249,999	179
\$250,000 to \$499,999	80
\$500,000 or more	129
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	356,844
Average per farm (\$)	153,284
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	57,138
Average per farm (\$)	24,544

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,397
Other	925
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,901
Female	421
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	3,351
Black or African American	10
American Indian or Alaska Native	46
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9
Asian	105
More than one race	31
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	243

(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.