

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Sierra, California



Number of farms

52 farms in 2002, 57 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

58,649 acres in 2002, 48,704 acres in 1997, up 20 percent.

Average size of farm

1,128 acres in 2002, 854 acres in 1997, up 32 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$2,269,000 in 2002, \$1,502,000 in 1997, up 51 percent.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

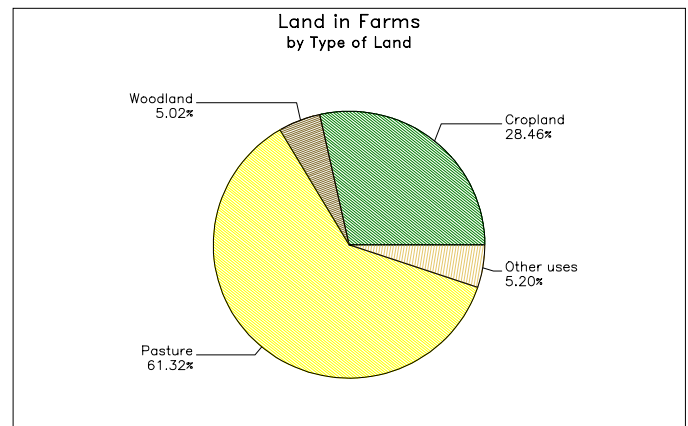
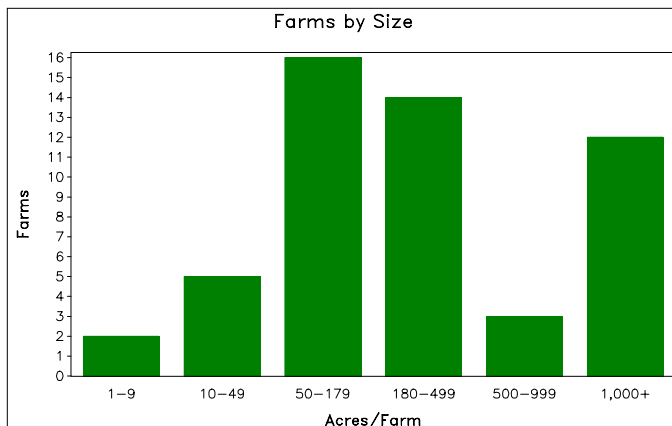
\$43,635 in 2002, \$26,353 in 1997, up 66 percent.

Government Payments

\$39,000 in 2002, (D) in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,359 in 2002, (D) in 1997.



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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	2,269	55	58	2,936	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	58	(D)	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	55	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	333	44	57	2,226	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	55	56	2,693	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,721	48	57	2,263	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	47	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	53	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	56	56	2,722	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	54	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,116	49	57	2,320	3,059
Horses and ponies	251	54	57	2,717	3,065
Sheep and lambs	148	51	57	2,100	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	52	56	56	2,844	2,983
Turkeys	(D)	33	48	(D)	2,328
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,800	43	57	2,623	3,059
Nursery stock	(D)	35	48	(D)	2,129
All Wheat for grain	(D)	35	38	(D)	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	(D)	54	56	(D)	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	7	Farming	36
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9	Other	16
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4	Male	45
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Female	7
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	White	74
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,013	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	55,801	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-918		
Average per farm (\$)	-16,995		

(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.