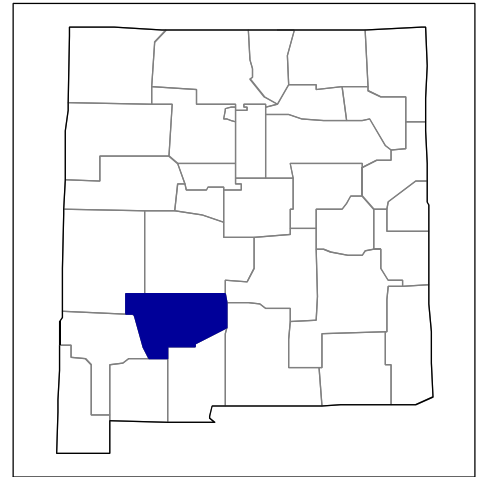


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Number of farms

223 farms in 2002, 217 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

1,362,866 acres in 2002, 1,289,287 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

6,112 acres in 2002, 5,941 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$19,386,000 in 2002, \$16,837,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,779,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,607,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

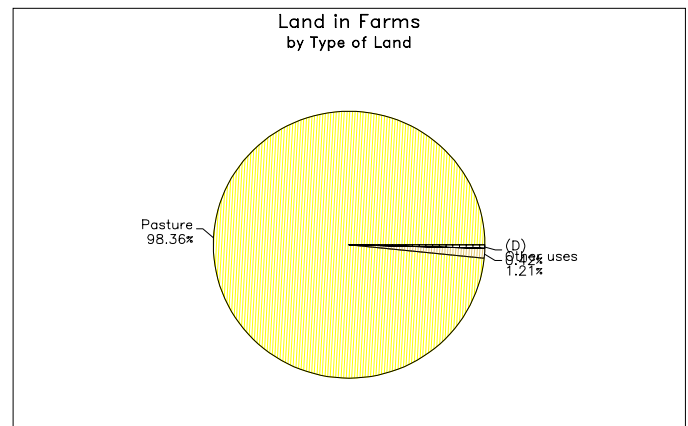
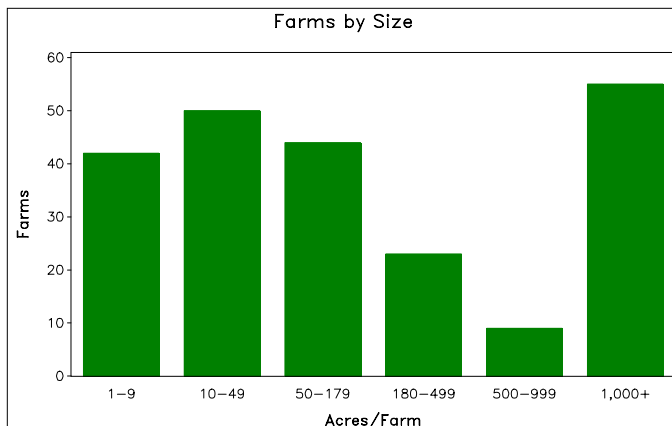
\$86,934 in 2002, \$77,588 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$247,000 in 2002, \$28,000 in 1997, up 782 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,498 in 2002, \$2,355 in 1997, up 176 percent.



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Ranked items among the 33 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	19,386	15	33	2,118	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,779	13	33	2,006	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,607	16	33	1,622	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	26	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,251	6	30	312	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,697	12	33	765	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	21	30	2,461	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	18	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	11	12	32	2,272	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	29	32	2,658	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	77	24	33	2,005	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	11	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	30	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	21,704	25	33	1,371	3,059
Bison	(D)	1	14	(D)	1,321
Horses and ponies	630	28	33	1,880	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	548	18	32	1,828	2,983
All Goats	182	21	32	1,892	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,758	23	33	2,630	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	1,384	7	29	364	2,710
Chile peppers	838	6	24	10	1,072
Corn for silage	740	13	19	1,244	2,307
Pecans	626	6	18	191	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	49
\$1,000 to \$2,499	15
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34
\$5,000 to \$9,999	16
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,939
Average per farm (\$)	80,444
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,882
Average per farm (\$)	8,438

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	144
Other	79
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	189
Female	34
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	346
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	6
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	105

(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.