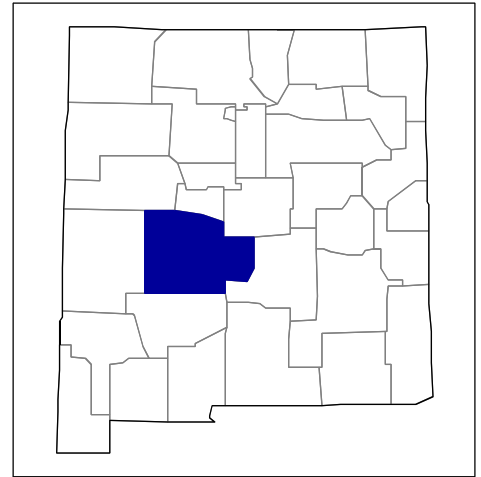




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Socorro, New Mexico



### Number of farms

388 farms in 2002, 486 farms in 1997, down 20 percent.

### Land in farms

1,523,280 acres in 2002, 1,646,743 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Average size of farm

3,926 acres in 2002, 3,388 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$35,776,000 in 2002, \$26,617,000 in 1997, up 34 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,403,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$31,373,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

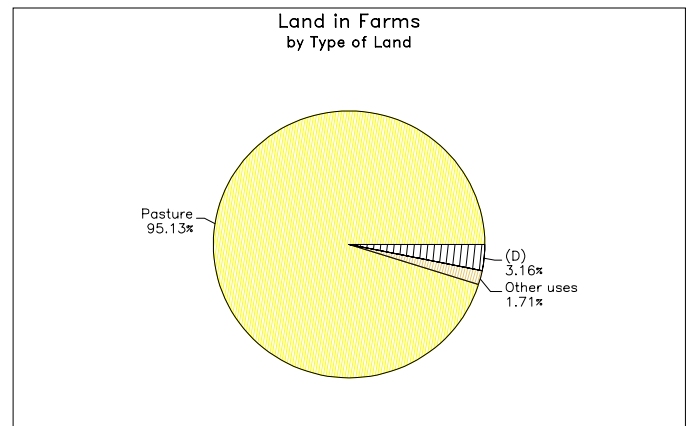
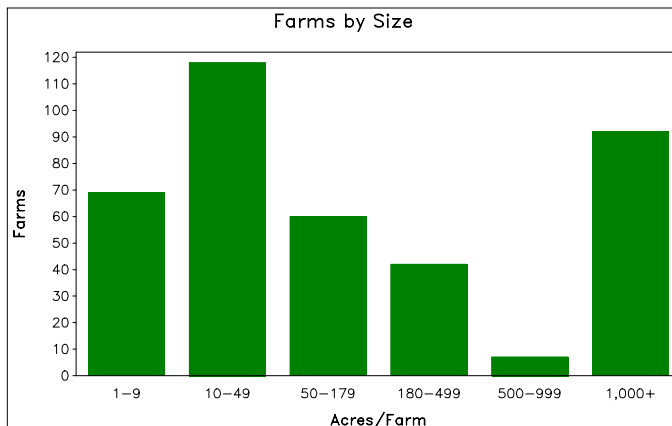
\$92,206 in 2002, \$54,767 in 1997, up 68 percent.

### Government Payments

\$697,000 in 2002, \$36,000 in 1997, up 1,836 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,939 in 2002, \$1,710 in 1997, up 715 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 33 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

| Item  | Quantity | State Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> | U.S. Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>             |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                               | 35,776   | 11         | 33                    | 1,538     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 4,403    | 16         | 33                    | 2,147     | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 31,373   | 8          | 33                    | 897       | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 69       | 17         | 26                    | 2,465     | 2,871                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | 10                    | -         | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | 272      | 14         | 29                    | 1,228     | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | (D)      | (D)        | 30                    | (D)       | 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   | 4,031    | 7          | 33                    | 304       | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)      | (D)        | 30                    | (D)       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | (D)      | (D)        | 33                    | (D)       | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 21,030   | 7          | 18                    | 212       | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 2        | 26         | 32                    | 2,702     | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | 57       | 18         | 32                    | 1,162     | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 335      | 6          | 33                    | 641       | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | -        | -          | 11                    | -         | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | (D)      | (D)        | 30                    | (D)       | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 45,900   | 10         | 33                    | 645       | 3,059                 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens                                   | (D)      | 1          | 23                    | (D)       | 2,599                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 1,449    | 13         | 33                    | 804       | 3,065                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 1,348    | 16         | 32                    | 773       | 2,867                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older   | 698      | 16         | 32                    | 1,662     | 2,983                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 9,729    | 11         | 33                    | 1,802     | 3,059                 |
| Corn for silage   | 325      | 15         | 19                    | 1,580     | 2,307                 |
| Sorghum for silage  | (D)      | 7          | 14                    | (D)       | 1,387                 |
| Corn for grain <sup>3</sup>   | (D)      | (D)        | 20                    | (D)       | 2,592                 |
| Sorghum for grain <sup>3</sup>  | (D)      | (D)        | 15                    | (D)       | 1,307                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 112      | Farming   | 237      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 45       | Other   | 151      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 35       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 31       | Male  | 337      |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 32       | Female  | 51       |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 21       | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 54.5     |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 20       | All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 12       | White   | 565      |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 27       | Black or African American   | 2        |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 37       | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 15       |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 7        | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 9        | Asian   | 1        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 34,625   | More than one race  | -        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 89,011   | All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 198      |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 2,591    |   |          |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 6,660    |   |          |

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.