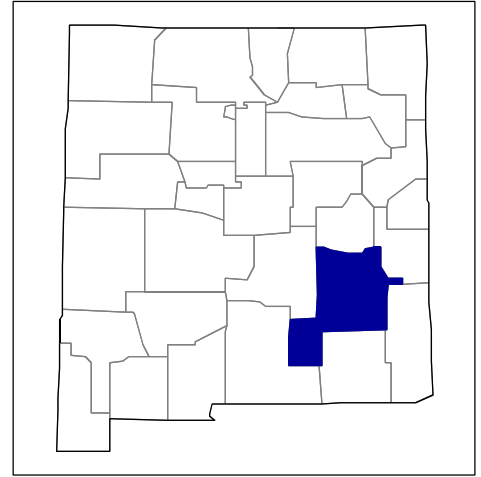




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Chaves, New Mexico



### Number of farms

604 farms in 2002, 689 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Land in farms

2,515,660 acres in 2002, 2,963,882 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Average size of farm

4,165 acres in 2002, 4,302 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$283,949,000 in 2002, \$226,064,000 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$29,989,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$253,960,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

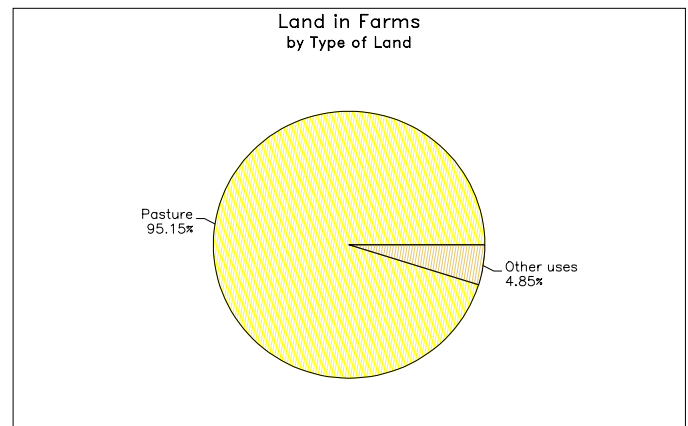
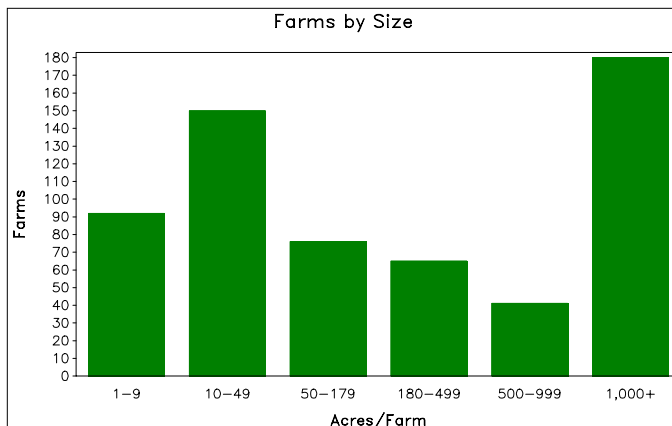
\$470,115 in 2002, \$328,105 in 1997, up 43 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,024,000 in 2002, \$1,466,000 in 1997, up 106 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$19,139 in 2002, \$9,842 in 1997, up 94 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	283,949	1	33	82	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	29,989	3	33	861	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	253,960	1	33	49	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,512	6	26	1,202	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,108	8	29	519	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,602	3	30	151	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	16,556	2	33	92	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7	13	30	2,090	2,918
Cattle and calves	41,418	3	33	193	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	210,285	1	18	11	2,493
Hogs and pigs	9	18	32	2,346	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,897	1	32	48	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	33	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	30	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	179,494	2	33	40	3,059
Sheep and lambs	36,930	1	32	27	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,947	8	33	514	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,181	10	32	1,263	2,983
All Goats	1,090	5	32	426	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	37,237	2	33	543	3,059
Corn for silage	16,754	3	19	75	2,307
Pecans	3,903	2	18	27	1,194
Sorghum for silage	2,560	3	14	27	1,387
All Wheat for grain	2,169	7	22	1,261	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	165
\$1,000 to \$2,499	49
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	44
\$100,000 to \$249,999	73
\$250,000 to \$499,999	32
\$500,000 or more	63
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	230,377
Average per farm (\$)	380,788
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	59,276
Average per farm (\$)	97,978

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	333
Other	271
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	533
Female	71
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	865
Black or African American	8
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	3
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	90

(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.