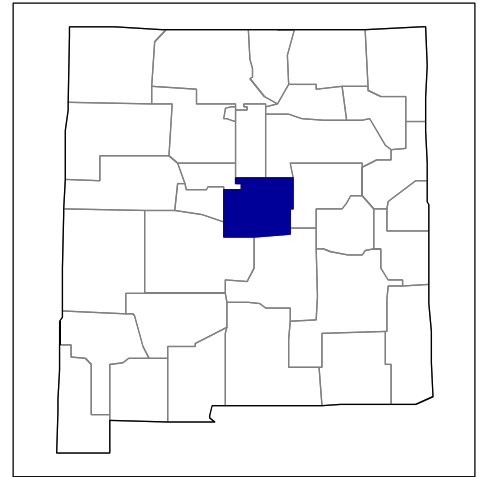




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Number of farms

461 farms in 2002, 620 farms in 1997, down 26 percent.

Land in farms

1,696,831 acres in 2002, 1,525,329 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Average size of farm

3,681 acres in 2002, 2,460 acres in 1997, up 50 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$36,382,000 in 2002, \$31,426,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,499,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$26,883,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

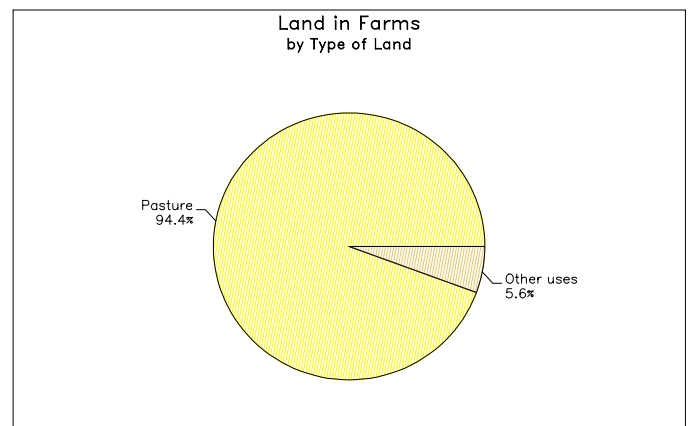
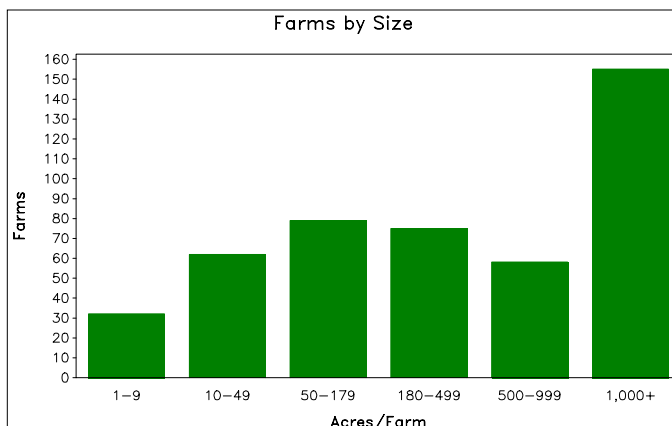
\$78,920 in 2002, \$50,688 in 1997, up 56 percent.

Government Payments

\$937,000 in 2002, \$516,000 in 1997, up 82 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,005 in 2002, \$6,783 in 1997, up 18 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	36,382	10	33	1,523	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,499	11	33	1,689	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	26,883	9	33	1,024	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,263	8	26	1,388	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	10	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	29	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	201	16	30	897	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	2,863	8	33	437	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	(D)	(D)	18	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	21	7	32	2,034	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	391	8	32	236	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	119	19	33	1,619	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	11	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	5	20	30	2,094	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	48,913	9	33	590	3,059
Sheep and lambs	9,342	5	32	126	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,064	23	33	1,195	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	797	15	32	1,559	2,983
Pheasants	(D)	2	12	(D)	1,541
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,989	10	33	1,771	3,059
Corn for silage	5,365	7	19	334	2,307
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	(D)	2	9	(D)	571
Corn for grain	456	9	20	2,007	2,592
Sod harvested ³	(D)	(D)	3	(D)	740

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	155	Farming	285
\$1,000 to \$2,499	39	Other	176
\$2,500 to \$4,999	48	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	Male	391
\$10,000 to \$19,999	47	Female	70
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	White	689
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	14	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	36,727	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	79,841	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	179
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,735		
Average per farm (\$)	8,119		

(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.

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