

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Hays, Texas



Number of farms

1,106 farms in 2002, 1,026 farms in 1997, up 8 percent.

Land in farms

278,352 acres in 2002, 319,783 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Average size of farm

252 acres in 2002, 312 acres in 1997, down 19 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$14,614,000 in 2002, \$11,292,000 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,986,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,627,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

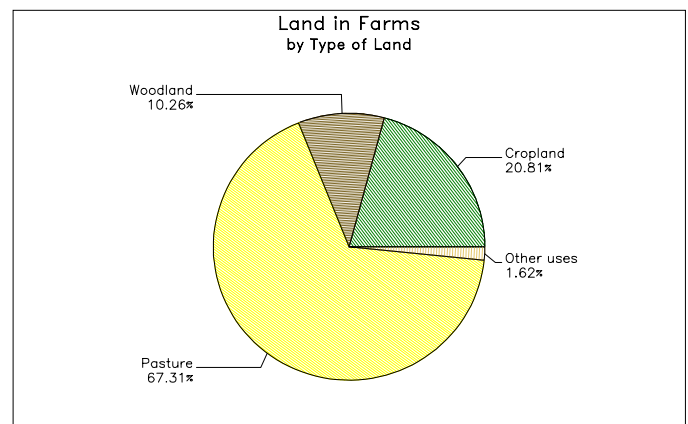
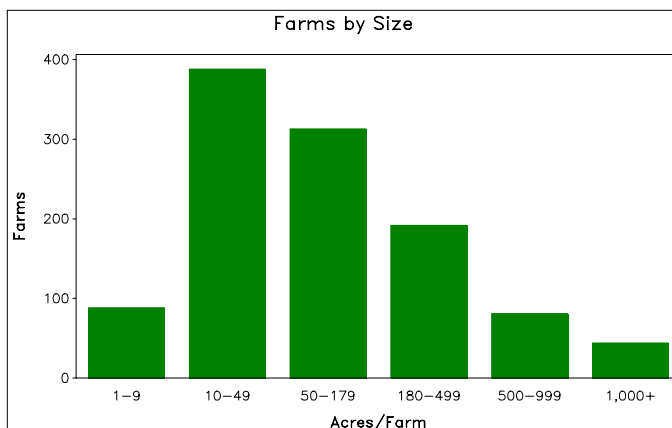
\$13,213 in 2002, \$11,006 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Government Payments

\$137,000 in 2002, \$215,000 in 1997, down 36 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,144 in 2002, \$3,984 in 1997, down 46 percent.



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Ranked items among the 254 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	14,614	176	254	2,286	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,986	150	252	2,200	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,627	159	254	1,830	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	751	133	235	1,860	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	155	108	199	1,493	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	120	93	224	1,157	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,809	39	178	664	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	152	214	250	2,650	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13	126	223	1,889	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,744	151	254	1,085	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	31	100	235	1,875	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	401	40	250	228	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	959	22	253	142	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	479	18	208	289	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	26,165	169	254	1,189	3,059
All Goats	9,636	34	253	35	2,971
Sheep and lambs	3,239	44	244	348	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,235	68	237	960	2,983
Horses and ponies	2,191	47	254	406	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,855	174	253	1,978	3,059
All Wheat for grain	3,527	106	202	1,058	2,517
Corn for grain	3,084	78	166	1,438	2,592
Sorghum for grain	1,435	123	194	419	1,307
Pecans	143	129	222	392	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	425	Farming	522
\$1,000 to \$2,499	264	Other	584
\$2,500 to \$4,999	164		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	108	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63	Male	894
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	212
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	1,648
\$500,000 or more	3	Black or African American	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,295	American Indian or Alaska Native	15
Average per farm (\$)	15,609	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	179	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	161	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	84

(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.