

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Houston, Texas



### Number of farms

1,514 farms in 2002, 1,603 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Land in farms

464,706 acres in 2002, 458,767 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

307 acres in 2002, 286 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$34,483,000 in 2002, \$28,042,000 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,348,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$28,136,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

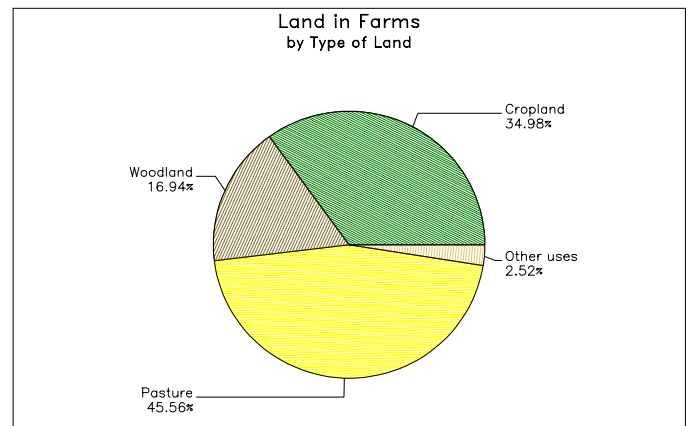
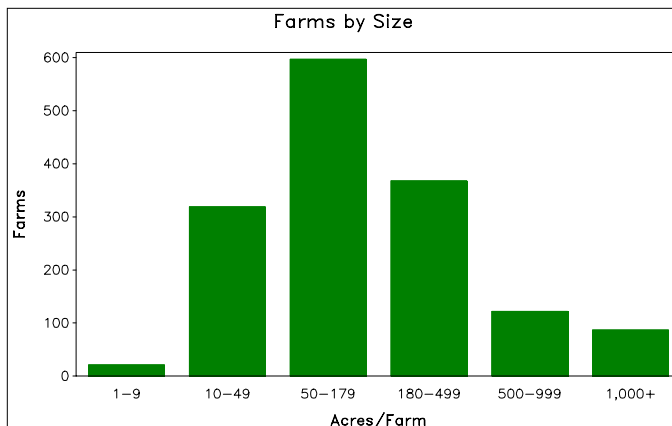
\$22,776 in 2002, \$17,493 in 1997, up 30 percent.

### Government Payments

\$714,000 in 2002, \$546,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,998 in 2002, \$3,691 in 1997, up 361 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 254 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	34,483	114	254	1,583	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,348	126	252	1,951	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	28,136	82	254	987	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	553	147	235	1,970	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	2,067	71	162	283	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,675	32	199	589	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	433	35	224	582	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,559	62	250	836	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	26,065	53	254	359	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	375	16	235	1,101	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	198	116	253	1,122	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	19	237	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	103,411	27	254	126	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	9	238	(D)	2,926
Sheep and lambs	(D)	45	244	(D)	2,867
Horses and ponies	2,133	51	254	425	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	43,849	32	253	408	3,059
All Cotton	4,406	83	165	348	663
Corn for grain	2,777	81	166	1,469	2,592
Short-rotation woody crops	2,269	6	80	17	1,262
Pecans	1,504	38	222	101	1,194

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	315
\$1,000 to \$2,499	244
\$2,500 to \$4,999	236
\$5,000 to \$9,999	239
\$10,000 to \$19,999	199
\$20,000 to \$24,999	41
\$25,000 to \$39,999	95
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28
\$50,000 to \$99,999	54
\$100,000 to \$249,999	44
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	38,021
Average per farm (\$)	25,113
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-452
Average per farm (\$)	-299

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	857
Other	657
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,381
Female	133
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.6
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,854
Black or African American	256
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	6
More than one race	18
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	41

(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.