

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Irion, Texas

Number of farms

151 farms in 2002, 169 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

536,292 acres in 2002, 656,672 acres in 1997, down 18 percent.

Average size of farm

3,552 acres in 2002, 3,886 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$3,488,000 in 2002, \$6,159,000 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$116,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,372,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

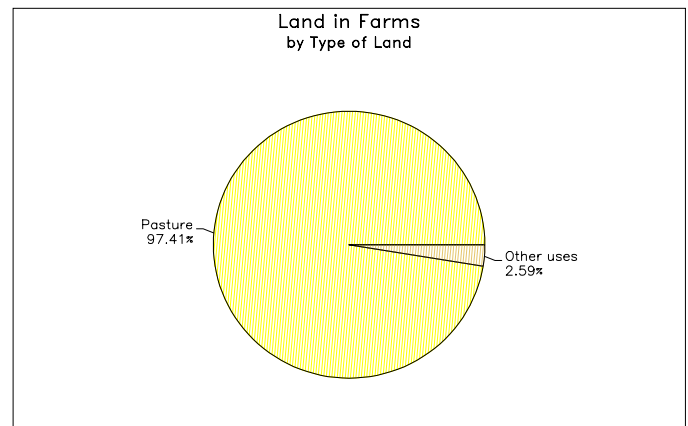
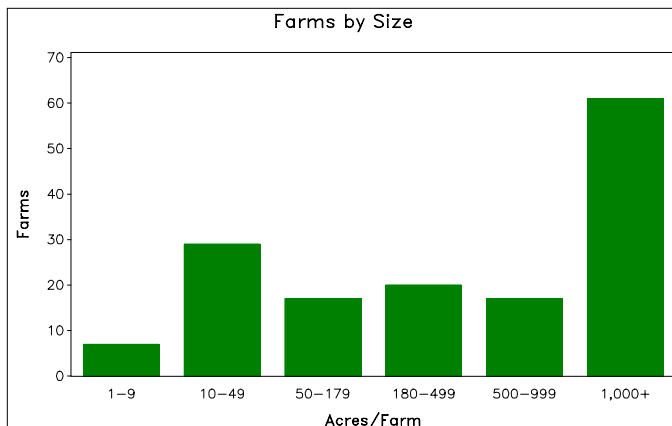
\$23,096 in 2002, \$36,443 in 1997, down 37 percent.

Government Payments

\$590,000 in 2002, \$73,000 in 1997, up 708 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,517 in 2002, \$2,721 in 1997, up 470 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	3,488	243	254	2,858	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	116	248	252	3,027	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,372	227	254	2,531	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	24	208	235	2,629	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	162	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	178	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	20	245	250	2,975	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,170	234	254	2,114	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	235	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,103	21	250	91	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	253	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Sheep and lambs	16,254	19	244	77	2,867
All Goats	9,501	35	253	36	2,971
Cattle and calves	8,333	232	254	2,202	3,059
Deer	(D)	91	170	(D)	1,080
Horses and ponies	212	241	254	2,796	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,380	233	253	2,824	3,059
All Wheat for grain	439	154	202	1,822	2,517
All Cotton	(D)	137	165	(D)	663
Pecans	121	133	222	417	1,194
Sorghum for grain	(D)	192	194	(D)	1,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	38
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,330
Average per farm (\$)	41,643
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-490
Average per farm (\$)	-3,222

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	77
Other	74
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	138
Female	13
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	219
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.