

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Jefferson, Texas



### Number of farms

775 farms in 2002, 684 farms in 1997, up 13 percent.

### Land in farms

388,239 acres in 2002, 440,039 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

501 acres in 2002, 643 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$16,873,000 in 2002, \$26,457,000 in 1997, down 36 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,632,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,241,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

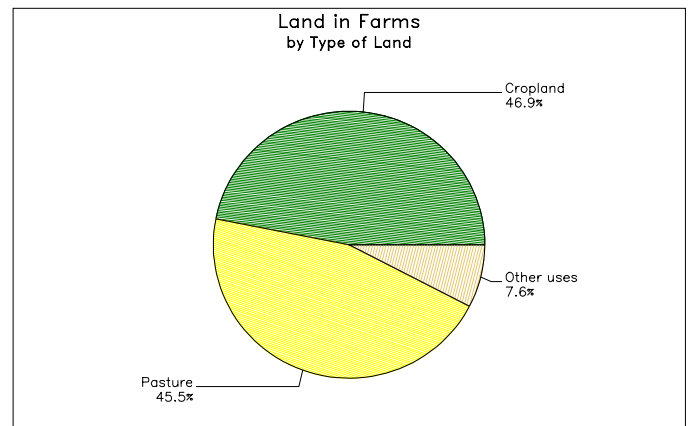
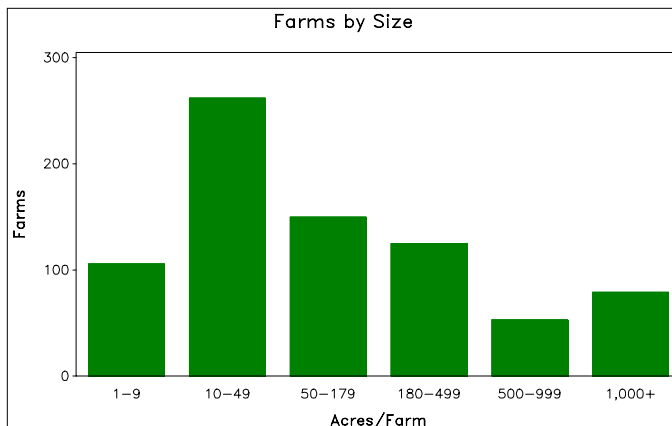
\$21,772 in 2002, \$38,679 in 1997, down 44 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,703,000 in 2002, \$2,152,000 in 1997, up 72 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$29,865 in 2002, \$19,744 in 1997, up 51 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	16,873	167	254	2,213	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,632	107	252	1,836	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,241	171	254	1,940	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,228	54	235	1,220	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	47	155	199	2,073	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	50	140	224	1,588	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,852	43	178	834	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	106	23	79	420	1,774
Other crops and hay	349	181	250	2,185	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,087	158	254	1,146	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	43	79	235	1,756	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5	224	250	2,566	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	449	52	253	447	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	458	22	208	307	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	54,019	96	254	498	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	12	160	(D)	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,351	67	237	944	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,882	64	254	538	3,065
Deer	1,169	37	170	51	1,080
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Rice	18,889	4	21	47	150
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,331	137	253	1,559	3,059
Sorghum for grain	2,019	110	194	368	1,307
Corn for grain	(D)	90	166	(D)	2,592
Sod harvested	925	9	38	113	740

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	250	Farming	431
\$1,000 to \$2,499	131	Other	344
\$2,500 to \$4,999	106	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	94	Male	724
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Female	51
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	White	1,013
\$50,000 to \$99,999	51	Black or African American	79
\$100,000 to \$249,999	42	American Indian or Alaska Native	20
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,301	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	37,711	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	44
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-6,465		
Average per farm (\$)	-8,321		

(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.