

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Limestone, Texas



Number of farms

1,430 farms in 2002, 1,389 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

529,924 acres in 2002, 438,836 acres in 1997, up 21 percent.

Average size of farm

371 acres in 2002, 316 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$32,779,000 in 2002, \$26,169,000 in 1997, up 25 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,142,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$28,637,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

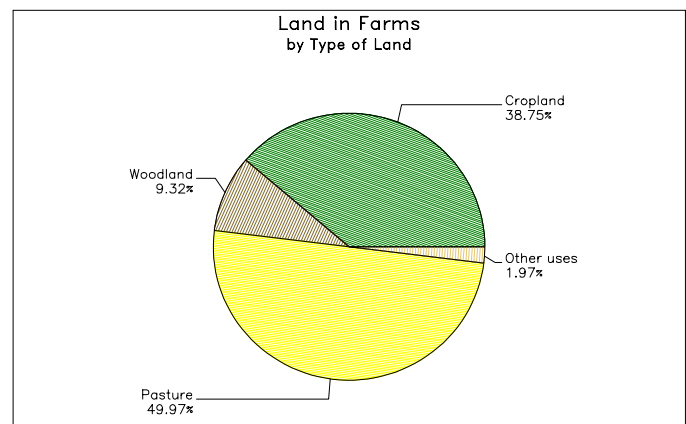
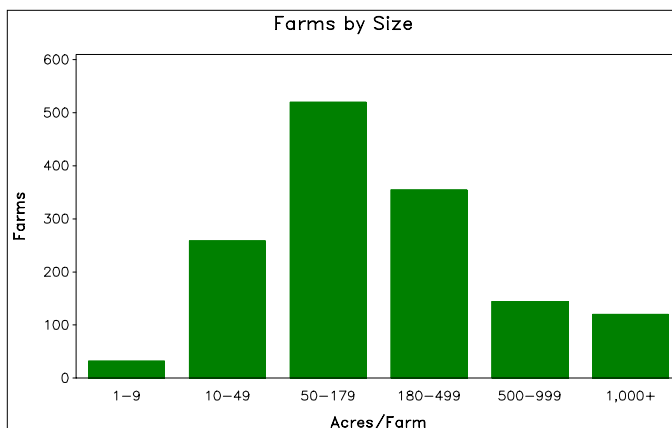
\$22,922 in 2002, \$18,840 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Government Payments

\$701,000 in 2002, \$910,000 in 1997, down 23 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,437 in 2002, \$4,573 in 1997, up 19 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	32,779	117	254	1,620	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,142	146	252	2,179	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	28,637	80	254	976	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,161	91	235	1,531	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	257	108	162	478	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	630	62	199	917	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	105	105	224	1,218	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	73	133	178	2,175	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	916	104	250	1,328	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2,085	42	223	814	2,918
Cattle and calves	25,776	55	254	373	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	348	86	157	1,811	2,493
Hogs and pigs	30	104	235	1,888	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	56	121	250	1,179	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	326	71	253	662	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	16	145	208	1,622	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	28	192	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	117,280	18	254	89	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	39	237	(D)	2,983
Horses and ponies	2,146	49	254	418	3,065
All Goats	1,161	127	253	392	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	43,801	33	253	409	3,059
Corn for grain	11,786	44	166	987	2,592
All Cotton	1,467	102	165	453	663
All Wheat for grain	1,037	136	202	1,530	2,517
Sorghum for grain	870	135	194	488	1,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	277	Farming	786
\$1,000 to \$2,499	208	Other	644
\$2,500 to \$4,999	237		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	243	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	201	Male	1,298
\$20,000 to \$24,999	44	Female	132
\$25,000 to \$39,999	77		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	65		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	White	1,821
\$500,000 or more	7	Black or African American	153
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	34,060	American Indian or Alaska Native	13
Average per farm (\$)	23,868	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	653	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	457	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	58

(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.