

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mason, Texas



Number of farms

633 farms in 2002, 638 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

555,597 acres in 2002, 609,522 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

878 acres in 2002, 955 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$44,798,000 in 2002, \$19,523,000 in 1997, up 129 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,367,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$42,431,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

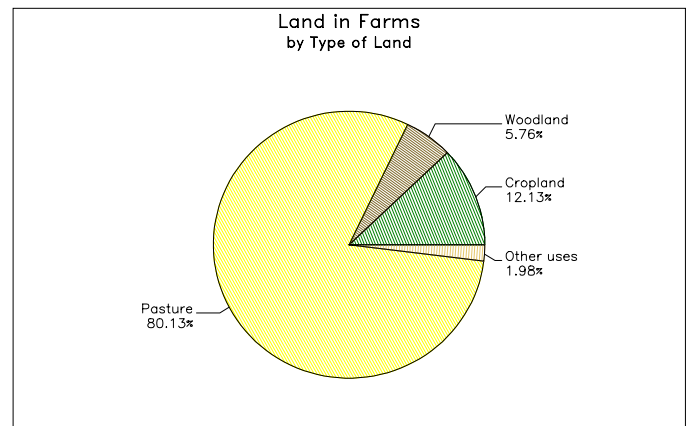
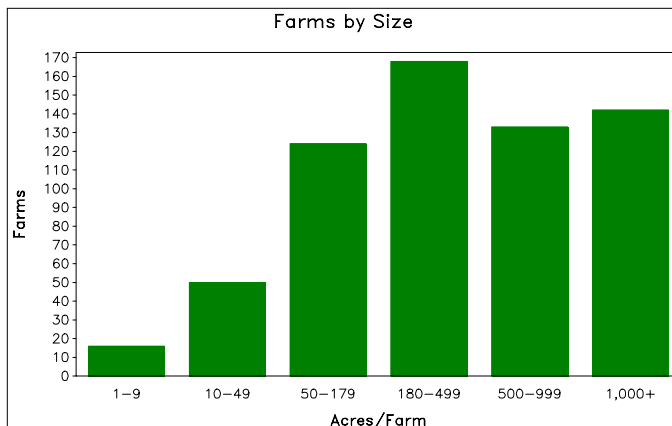
\$70,771 in 2002, \$30,600 in 1997, up 131 percent.

Government Payments

\$651,000 in 2002, \$126,000 in 1997, up 417 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,620 in 2002, \$1,676 in 1997, up 176 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	44,798	81	254	1,291	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,367	177	252	2,440	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	42,431	44	254	679	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	142	184	235	2,300	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	162	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	194	99	199	1,386	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	1,707	53	250	760	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	166	223	2,390	2,918
Cattle and calves	41,264	28	254	194	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	881	26	250	108	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	93	172	253	1,829	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	159	60	208	687	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	55,987	90	254	472	3,059
All Goats	18,583	18	253	18	2,971
Sheep and lambs	7,488	29	244	153	2,867
Deer	1,255	32	170	46	1,080
Horses and ponies	537	184	254	2,078	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,382	167	253	1,933	3,059
Peanuts	1,536	21	112	124	398
All Wheat for grain	770	143	202	1,634	2,517
Sorghum for silage	581	47	160	171	1,387
All Cotton	511	127	165	546	663

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	115
\$1,000 to \$2,499	57
\$2,500 to \$4,999	98
\$5,000 to \$9,999	100
\$10,000 to \$19,999	95
\$20,000 to \$24,999	29
\$25,000 to \$39,999	46
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32
\$100,000 to \$249,999	25
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7
\$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	59,332
Average per farm (\$)	93,731
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,856
Average per farm (\$)	4,512

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	340
Other	293
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	540
Female	93
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	936
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	16

(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.