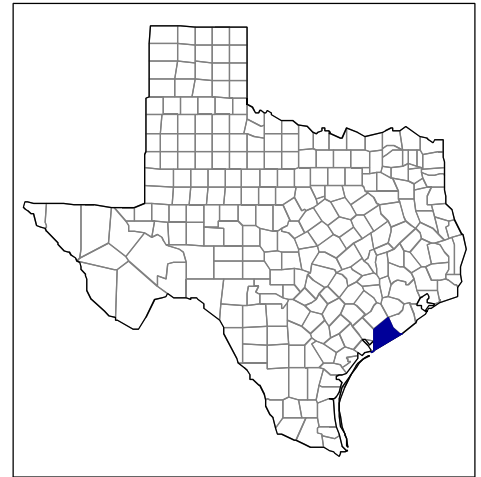


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Matagorda, Texas



### Number of farms

991 farms in 2002, 885 farms in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Land in farms

619,142 acres in 2002, 550,376 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Average size of farm

625 acres in 2002, 622 acres in 1997, up slightly.

### Market Value of Production

\$115,730,000 in 2002, \$59,521,000 in 1997, up 94 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$87,346,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$28,384,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

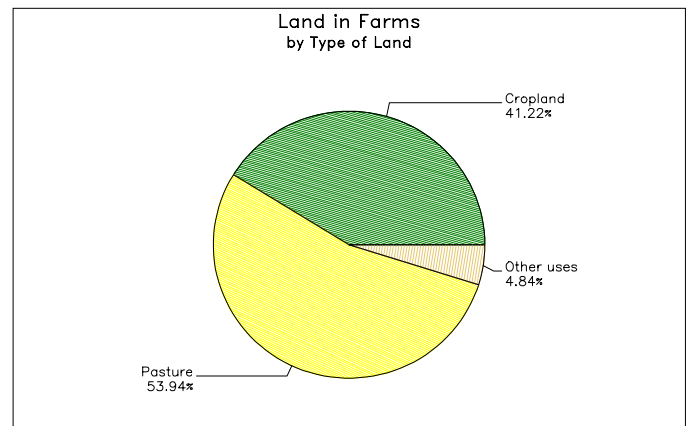
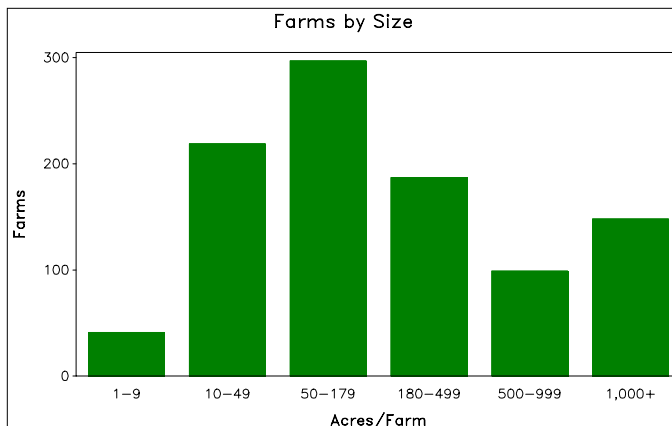
\$116,781 in 2002, \$67,256 in 1997, up 74 percent.

### Government Payments

\$7,445,000 in 2002, \$4,756,000 in 1997, up 57 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$26,309 in 2002, \$18,153 in 1997, up 45 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	115,730	26	254	401	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	87,346	6	252	170	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	28,384	81	254	981	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,898	17	235	760	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	8,939	32	162	109	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	11	169	199	2,457	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	154	82	224	1,039	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	60,791	2	178	46	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	553	148	250	1,817	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	157	223	2,258	2,918
Cattle and calves	18,005	87	254	580	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	138	108	157	2,074	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	211	235	2,752	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	204	250	2,251	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	88	176	253	1,881	3,014
Aquaculture	10,133	1	110	27	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	5	170	208	2,093	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	83,787	48	254	202	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,576	82	254	704	3,065
All Goats	644	169	253	802	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	473	139	237	1,941	2,983
Quail	427	60	135	526	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Sorghum for grain	37,710	16	194	49	1,307
All Cotton	27,156	43	165	132	663
Rice	24,124	3	21	43	150
Sod harvested	14,949	1	38	1	740
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,823	133	253	1,521	3,059

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	175	Farming	591
\$1,000 to \$2,499	130	Other	400
\$2,500 to \$4,999	135		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	105	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	93	Male	872
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	119
\$25,000 to \$39,999	68		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	91		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	87	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	34	White	1,362
\$500,000 or more	30	Black or African American	68
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	110,171	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
Average per farm (\$)	111,510	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,487	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	14,663	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	70

(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.