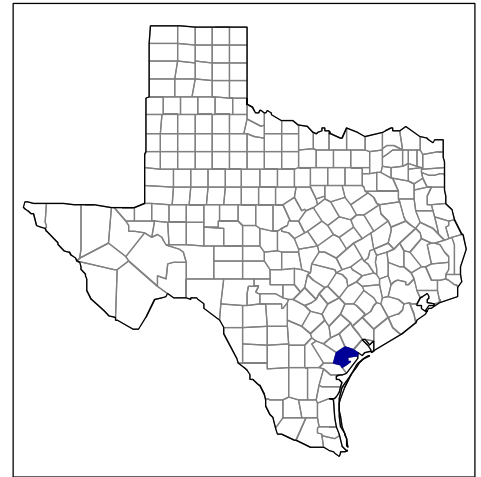


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Number of farms

274 farms in 2002, 267 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

505,954 acres in 2002, 558,544 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

1,847 acres in 2002, 2,092 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$21,419,000 in 2002, \$24,246,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$12,547,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,872,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

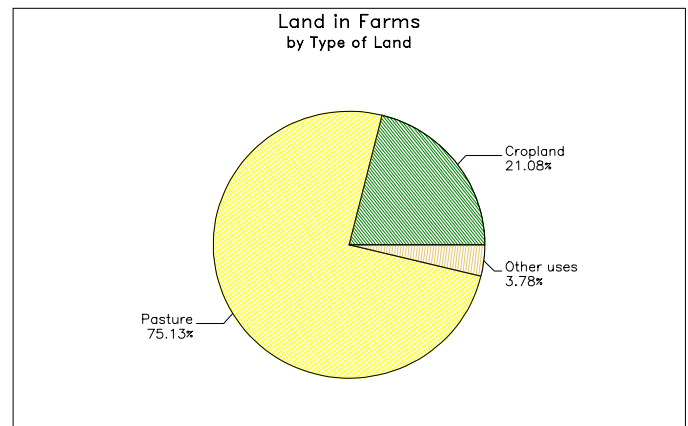
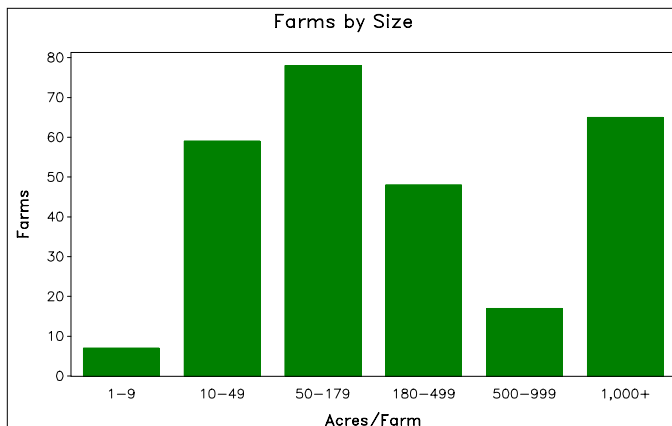
\$78,172 in 2002, \$90,810 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,473,000 in 2002, \$1,466,000 in 1997, up slightly.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$19,636 in 2002, \$15,430 in 1997, up 27 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	21,419	150	254	2,036	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,547	81	252	1,508	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,872	175	254	1,968	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,268	64	235	1,298	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	8,190	35	162	118	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	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,663	153	254	1,095	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	196	235	2,629	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	230	250	2,654	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	253	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	208	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	41,239	128	254	742	3,059
Horses and ponies	692	163	254	1,760	3,065
All Goats	200	212	253	1,823	2,971
Sheep and lambs	71	192	244	2,392	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	63	210	237	2,821	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	32,927	37	165	110	663
Sorghum for grain	24,741	31	194	96	1,307
Corn for grain	13,379	35	166	943	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,732	225	253	2,631	3,059
Soybeans	(D)	53	98	(D)	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	46	Farming	156
\$1,000 to \$2,499	49	Other	118
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Male	252
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Female	22
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	White	400
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	11	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,872	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	79,535	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	28
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,263		
Average per farm (\$)	8,231		

(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.