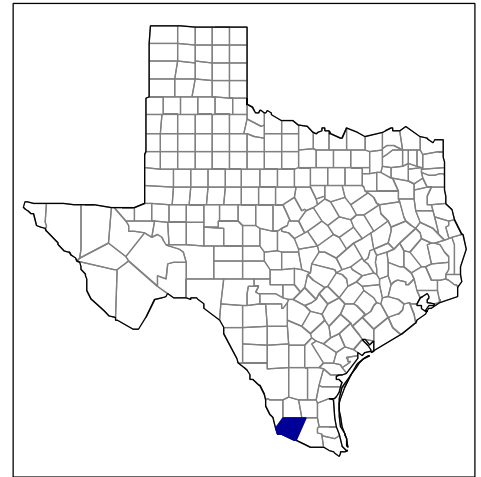




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Number of farms

870 farms in 2002, 755 farms in 1997, up 15 percent.

Land in farms

570,430 acres in 2002, 671,346 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Average size of farm

656 acres in 2002, 889 acres in 1997, down 26 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$66,744,000 in 2002, \$51,296,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,714,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$56,030,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

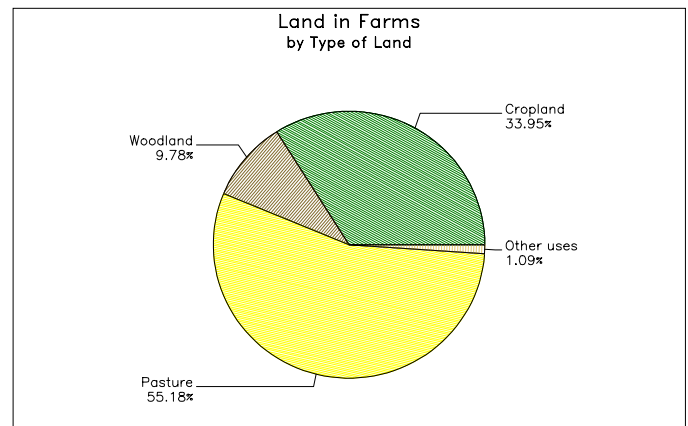
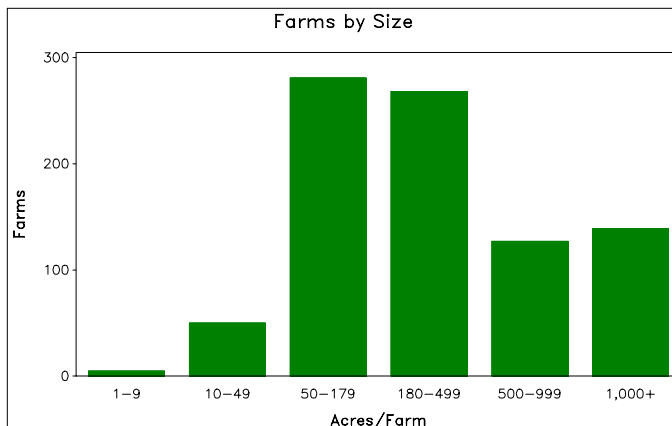
\$76,717 in 2002, \$67,942 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,412,000 in 2002, \$1,647,000 in 1997, up 46 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,705 in 2002, \$9,805 in 1997, down 21 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	66,744	45	254	852	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,714	94	252	1,603	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	56,030	33	254	486	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,672	104	235	1,635	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	162	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,621	8	199	244	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,188	83	250	1,079	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(Z)	211	223	2,874	2,918
Cattle and calves	55,812	23	254	128	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7	171	235	2,434	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	99	167	253	1,777	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	46	100	208	1,174	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	63,588	79	254	374	3,059
All Goats	2,129	91	253	171	2,971
Horses and ponies	628	169	254	1,884	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	595	133	237	1,764	2,983
Deer	440	72	170	153	1,080
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,789	89	253	1,067	3,059
Sorghum for grain	18,500	39	194	119	1,307
All Vegetables harvested	2,262	10	202	258	2,710
All Cotton	1,390	103	165	458	663
Cantaloups	750	3	152	19	1,583

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	254
\$1,000 to \$2,499	157
\$2,500 to \$4,999	162
\$5,000 to \$9,999	112
\$10,000 to \$19,999	94
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9
\$500,000 or more	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	71,115
Average per farm (\$)	81,836
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,696
Average per farm (\$)	-1,951

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	492
Other	378
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	799
Female	71
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,122
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1,017

(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.