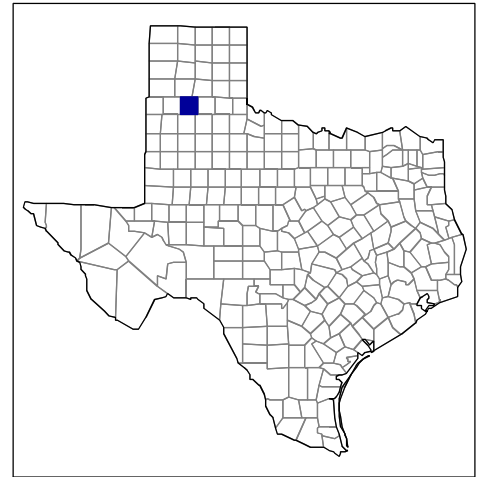




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Swisher, Texas



### Number of farms

578 farms in 2002, 580 farms in 1997, down slightly.

### Land in farms

566,429 acres in 2002, 522,661 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Average size of farm

980 acres in 2002, 901 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$296,289,000 in 2002, \$365,367,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$30,703,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$265,586,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

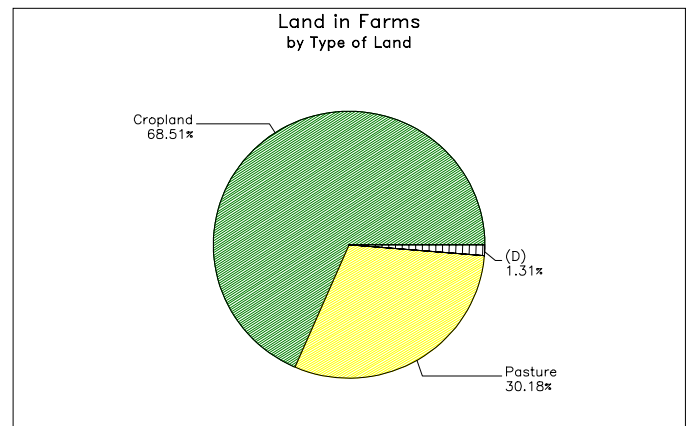
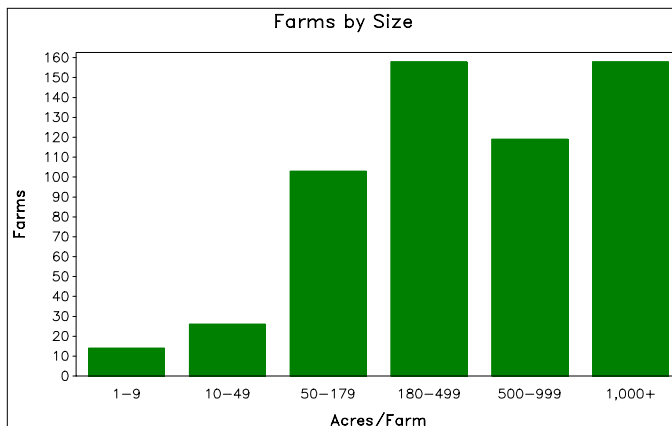
\$512,610 in 2002, \$629,943 in 1997, down 19 percent.

### Government Payments

\$9,207,000 in 2002, \$7,588,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$20,973 in 2002, \$15,942 in 1997, up 32 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	296,289	8	254	72	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,703	35	252	846	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	265,586	7	254	44	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7,649	39	235	1,083	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	22,461	17	162	44	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	199	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	351	93	178	1,586	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	265,296	6	254	19	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	64	116	250	1,096	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	203	115	253	1,100	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	219,539	6	254	28	3,059
Sheep and lambs	564	107	244	1,372	2,867
Horses and ponies	505	188	254	2,147	3,065
All Goats	352	200	253	1,334	2,971
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	87	192	(D)	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Cotton	72,755	21	165	41	663
All Wheat for grain	32,839	28	202	335	2,517
Sorghum for grain	19,099	38	194	116	1,307
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,292	148	253	1,743	3,059
Corn for grain	6,676	59	166	1,168	2,592

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	232
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	34
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	54
\$100,000 to \$249,999	74
\$250,000 to \$499,999	46
\$500,000 or more	26
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	290,914
Average per farm (\$)	505,059
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,789
Average per farm (\$)	27,412

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	412
Other	166
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	514
Female	64
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	777
Black or African American	6
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	18

(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.