

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Ward, Texas



Number of farms

86 farms in 2002, 100 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

465,639 acres in 2002, 368,927 acres in 1997, up 26 percent.

Average size of farm

5,414 acres in 2002, 3,689 acres in 1997, up 47 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,681,000 in 2002, \$1,862,000 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for (D) of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

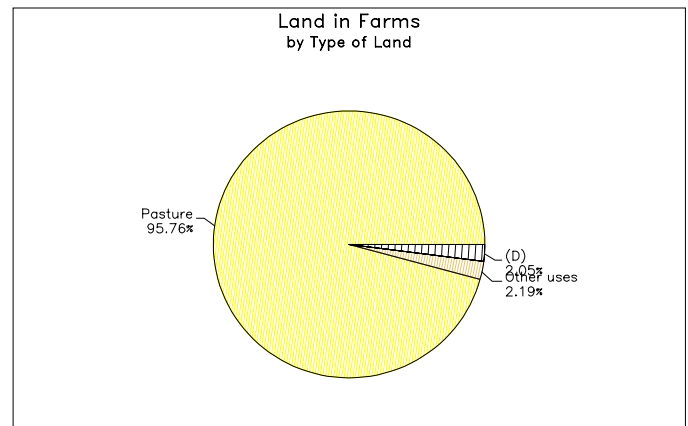
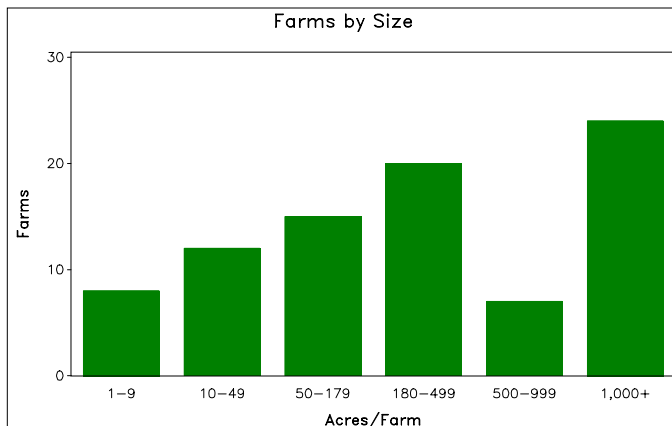
\$19,545 in 2002, \$18,615 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Government Payments

\$321,000 in 2002, \$68,000 in 1997, up 372 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,286 in 2002, \$5,197 in 1997, up 194 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	1,681	251	254	2,968	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	252	(D)	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	162	(D)	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	8	248	250	3,003	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,463	241	254	2,359	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	3	238	250	2,701	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	20	233	253	2,763	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2	177	208	2,295	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	2,990	252	254	2,707	3,059
All Goats	233	210	253	1,695	2,971
Horses and ponies	191	244	254	2,837	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	128	189	237	2,638	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	108	125	192	1,768	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	145	249	253	3,017	3,059
All Cotton	(D)	149	165	(D)	663
Sorghum for silage	(D)	150	160	(D)	1,387
All Vegetables harvested ³	(D)	(D)	202	(D)	2,710
Chile peppers ³	(D)	(D)	117	(D)	1,072

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	42	Farming	41
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13	Other	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Male	65
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	21
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	White	126
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,899	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	22,080	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	167	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	1,940	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.