

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Wharton, Texas



Number of farms

1,538 farms in 2002, 1,564 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

637,982 acres in 2002, 700,111 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

415 acres in 2002, 448 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$146,370,000 in 2002, \$136,854,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$99,268,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$47,102,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

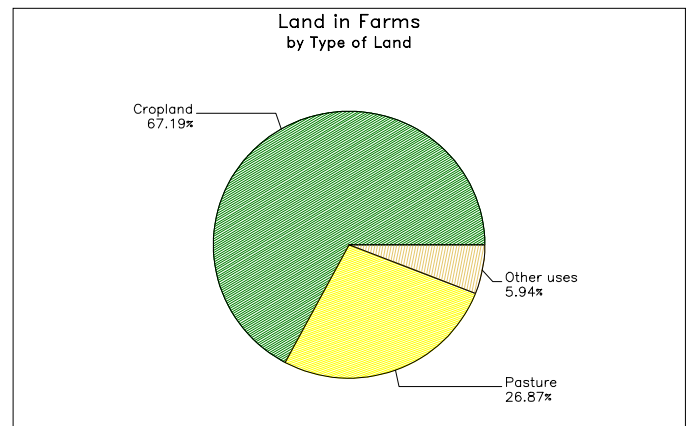
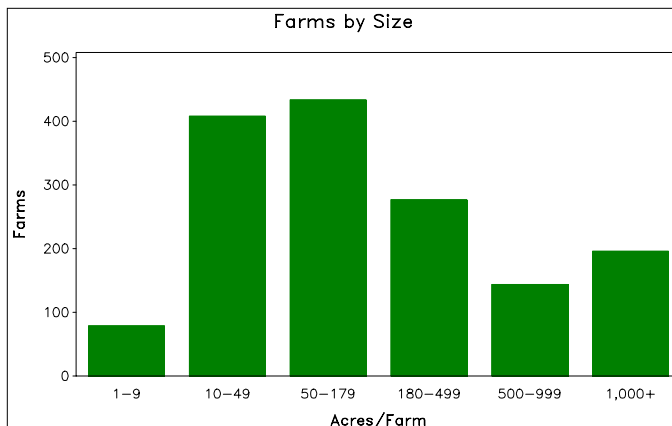
\$95,169 in 2002, \$87,502 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$15,171,000 in 2002, \$8,557,000 in 1997, up 77 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$23,127 in 2002, \$13,605 in 1997, up 70 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	146,370	20	254	259	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	99,268	4	252	132	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	47,102	41	254	599	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	43,218	4	235	306	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	26,011	16	162	38	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	718	57	199	874	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	303	49	224	729	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	27,057	8	178	104	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,960	44	250	661	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	138	108	157	2,074	2,493
Hogs and pigs	12	147	235	2,233	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	67	114	250	1,073	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	266	93	253	835	3,014
Aquaculture	847	5	110	192	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	329	29	208	395	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	3	237	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	75,633	59	254	261	3,059
Colonies of bees	3,300	13	160	177	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,451	91	254	801	3,065
All Goats	783	158	253	650	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	72,431	22	165	42	663
Sorghum for grain	70,238	6	194	9	1,307
Rice	52,678	1	21	25	150
Corn for grain	48,423	11	166	511	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,959	67	253	795	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	281	Farming	984
\$1,000 to \$2,499	215	Other	554
\$2,500 to \$4,999	174	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	155	Male	1,405
\$10,000 to \$19,999	152	Female	133
\$20,000 to \$24,999	42	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	109	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	White	2,020
\$50,000 to \$99,999	122	Black or African American	101
\$100,000 to \$249,999	136	American Indian or Alaska Native	17
\$250,000 to \$499,999	89	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	40	Asian	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	133,405	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	86,514	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	75
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,979		
Average per farm (\$)	20,090		

(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.