

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Wheeler, Texas

Number of farms

565 farms in 2002, 556 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

Land in farms

533,569 acres in 2002, 513,063 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

944 acres in 2002, 923 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$94,022,000 in 2002, \$80,335,000 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,328,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$90,694,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

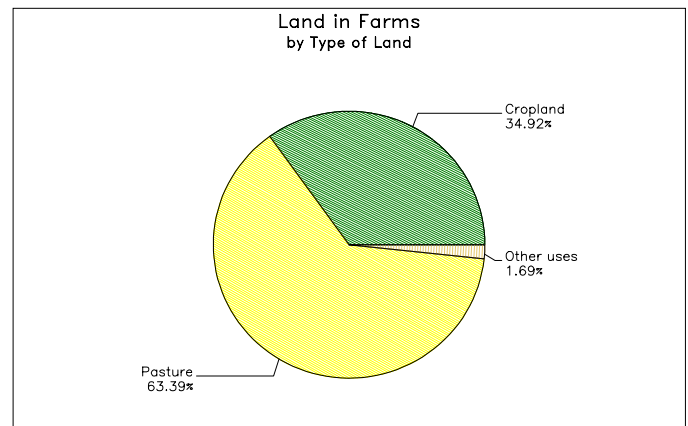
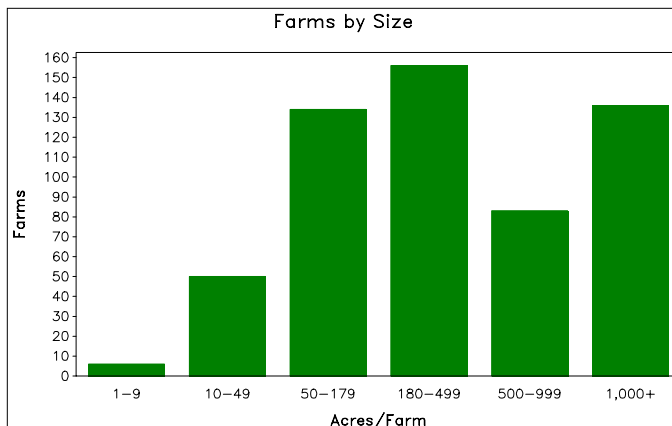
\$166,410 in 2002, \$144,487 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,698,000 in 2002, \$2,436,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,619 in 2002, \$9,056 in 1997, down 5 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	94,022	30	254	575	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,328	162	252	2,296	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	90,694	22	254	247	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	570	146	235	1,962	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	756	88	162	379	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	125	116	199	1,597	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4	208	224	2,420	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	1,873	48	250	700	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	223	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	90,553	17	254	71	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	208	235	2,727	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	227	250	2,614	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	253	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	208	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	85,892	45	254	193	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,072	118	254	1,188	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	187	183	237	2,507	2,983
Sheep and lambs	110	178	244	2,239	2,867
All Goats	64	238	253	2,467	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	28,266	66	253	783	3,059
Peanuts	5,053	14	112	74	398
All Wheat for grain	4,670	95	202	952	2,517
All Cotton	4,510	82	165	342	663
Rye for grain	3,300	2	46	7	1,204

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	216
\$1,000 to \$2,499	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	40
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8
\$500,000 or more	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	92,241
Average per farm (\$)	163,548
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,564
Average per farm (\$)	9,866

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	295
Other	270
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	470
Female	95
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	755
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	15

(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.