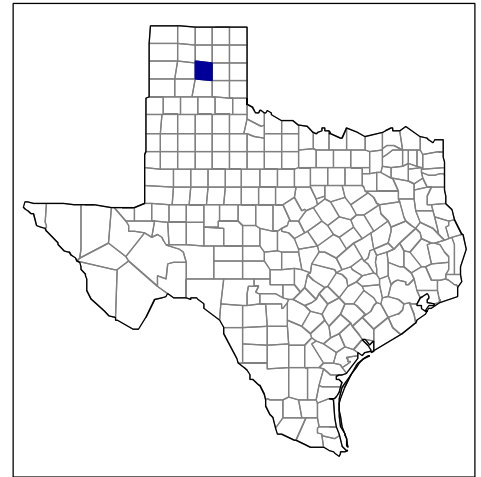




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Number of farms

363 farms in 2002, 393 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

451,669 acres in 2002, 474,235 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

1,244 acres in 2002, 1,207 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$44,054,000 in 2002, \$72,829,000 in 1997, down 40 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,206,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$29,848,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

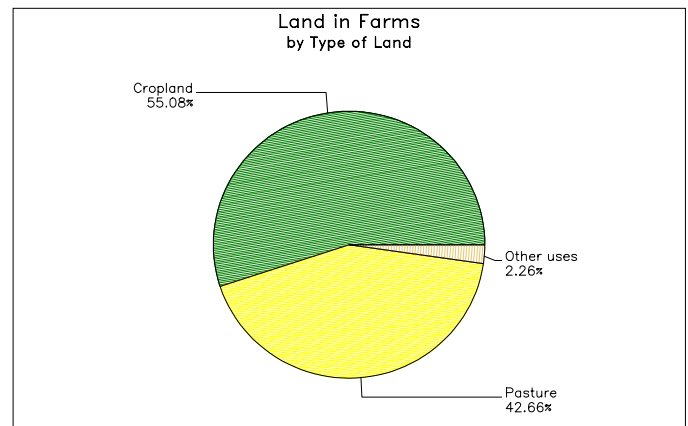
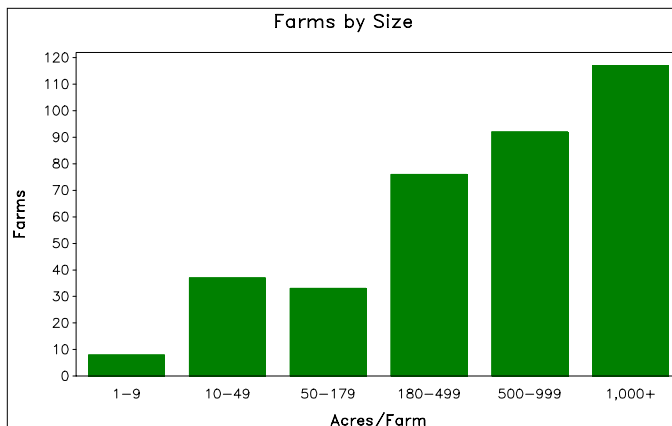
\$121,360 in 2002, \$185,317 in 1997, down 35 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,483,000 in 2002, \$4,113,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,072 in 2002, \$14,847 in 1997, up 15 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	44,054	82	254	1,318	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,206	73	252	1,422	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	29,848	76	254	942	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11,363	29	235	947	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,333	78	162	329	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	199	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	224	-	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	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	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	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	236	250	2,684	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	31	222	253	2,595	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	40,168	129	254	770	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	22	238	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	396	211	254	2,382	3,065
All Goats	135	221	253	2,103	2,971
Sheep and lambs	32	211	244	2,585	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sorghum for grain	44,000	12	194	38	1,307
All Wheat for grain	33,611	27	202	332	2,517
Corn for grain	11,105	45	166	1,016	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,293	147	253	1,742	3,059
Soybeans	5,580	12	98	1,172	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	134	Farming	224
\$1,000 to \$2,499	15	Other	139
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27	Male	318
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	45
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	39	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21	White	511
\$500,000 or more	11	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	43,433	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Average per farm (\$)	119,980	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,916	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	10,818	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.