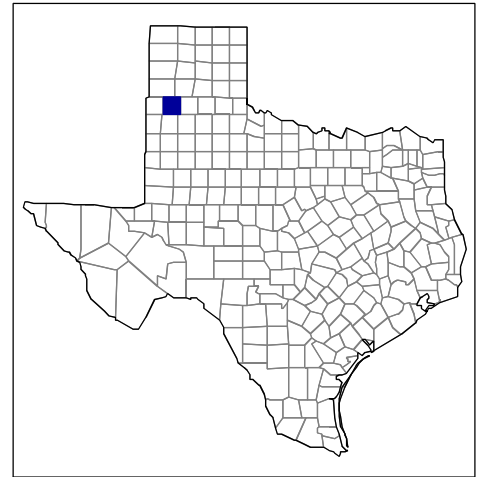


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Number of farms

535 farms in 2002, 530 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

563,538 acres in 2002, 571,681 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

1,053 acres in 2002, 1,079 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$592,642,000 in 2002, \$670,966,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$75,005,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$517,637,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

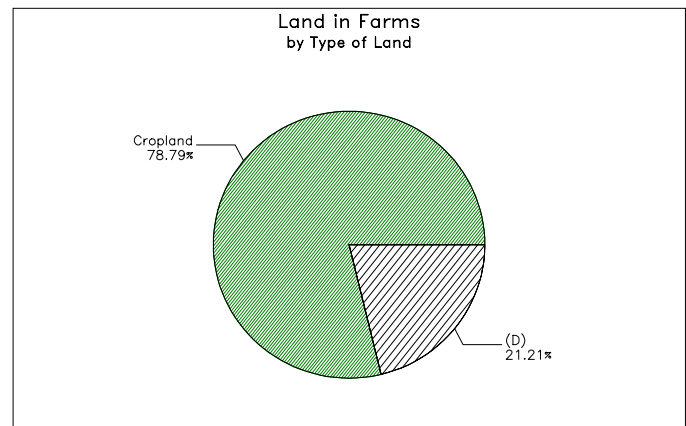
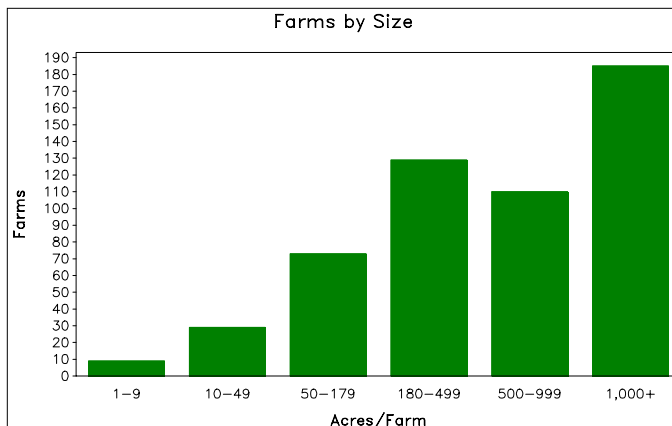
\$1,107,742 in 2002, \$1,265,973 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$8,959,000 in 2002, \$7,575,000 in 1997, up 18 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$24,545 in 2002, \$19,474 in 1997, up 26 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 | 592,642 | 3 | 254 | 29 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 75,005 | 9 | 252 | 252 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 517,637 | 3 | 254 | 13 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 38,505 | 6 | 235 | 363 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 33,414 | 12 | 162 | 29 | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | (D) | (D) | 199 | (D) | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | - | - | 224 | - | 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 | (D) | (D) | 250 | (D) | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | - | - | 223 | - | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 511,975 | 3 | 254 | 4 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 2,415 | 40 | 157 | 938 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 235 | (D) | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | (D) | (D) | 250 | (D) | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 60 | 194 | 253 | 2,239 | 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 | 365,792 | 2 | 254 | 8 | 3,059 |
| Sheep and lambs | 20,277 | 16 | 244 | 54 | 2,867 |
| Hogs and pigs | 653 | 57 | 238 | 1,513 | 2,926 |
| Horses and ponies | 622 | 171 | 254 | 1,900 | 3,065 |
| All Goats | 68 | 236 | 253 | 2,437 | 2,971 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| All Cotton | 74,422 | 20 | 165 | 40 | 663 |
| All Wheat for grain | 55,498 | 10 | 202 | 236 | 2,517 |
| Corn for grain | 48,034 | 12 | 166 | 514 | 2,592 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 20,601 | 90 | 253 | 1,073 | 3,059 |
| Sorghum for grain | 15,889 | 46 | 194 | 133 | 1,307 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|-----------|
| Farms by value of sales | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 162 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 9 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 14 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 15 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 19 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 5 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 18 |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 12 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 38 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 73 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 72 |
| \$500,000 or more | 98 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 546,474 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 1,025,280 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 57,771 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 108,388 |

| Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Farming | 384 |
| Other | 151 |
| Principal operators by sex: | |
| Male | 497 |
| Female | 38 |
| Average age of principal operator (years) | 55.6 |
| All operators ² by race: | |
| White | 705 |
| Black or African American | 6 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 7 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| Asian | 3 |
| More than one race | - |
| All operators ² 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.

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.