

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Chambers, Texas



Number of farms

610 farms in 2002, 500 farms in 1997, up 22 percent.

Land in farms

274,853 acres in 2002, 242,687 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Average size of farm

451 acres in 2002, 485 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$13,374,000 in 2002, \$16,106,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,479,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,894,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

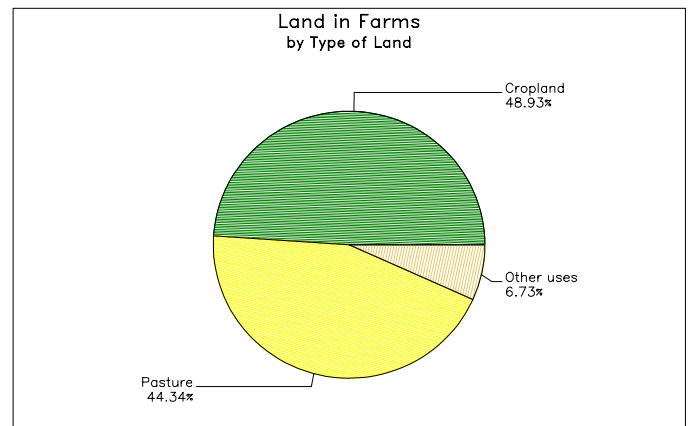
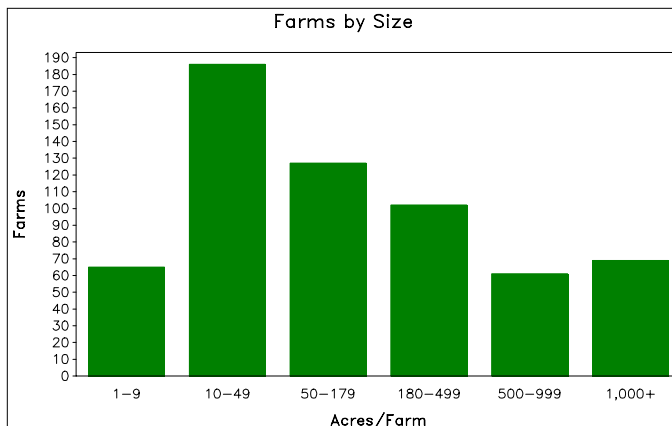
\$21,924 in 2002, \$32,211 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,438,000 in 2002, \$2,682,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$27,702 in 2002, \$22,731 in 1997, up 22 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	13,374	185	254	2,336	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,479	130	252	2,037	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,894	182	254	2,055	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,448	63	235	1,281	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5	206	224	2,391	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	889	108	250	1,360	3,046
Poultry and eggs	63	78	223	1,412	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,124	167	254	1,240	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7	170	235	2,432	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	18	187	250	1,963	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	208	112	253	1,079	3,014
Aquaculture	417	10	110	294	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	57	95	208	1,108	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	37,022	136	254	853	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	1	112	(D)	1,541
Quail	(D)	34	135	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	1,212	103	254	1,021	3,065
Colonies of bees	(D)	26	160	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,326	126	253	1,483	3,059
Rice	12,050	7	21	61	150
Sorghum for grain	5,406	83	194	247	1,307
Corn for grain	1,722	86	166	1,615	2,592
Soybeans	(D)	40	98	(D)	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	221	Farming	319
\$1,000 to \$2,499	86	Other	291
\$2,500 to \$4,999	69		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	56	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Male	565
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	45
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	36	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	White	807
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	81
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,635	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	22,425	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,115	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	1,835	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	42

(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.