

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Dawson, Texas



Number of farms

581 farms in 2002, 674 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

572,422 acres in 2002, 648,869 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

985 acres in 2002, 963 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$55,388,000 in 2002, \$96,879,000 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$52,460,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,927,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

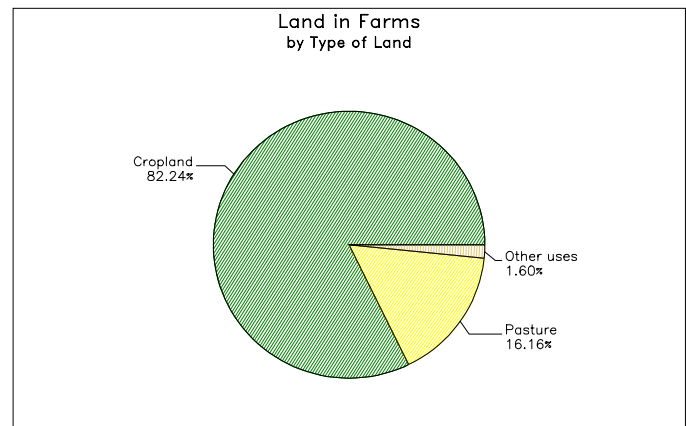
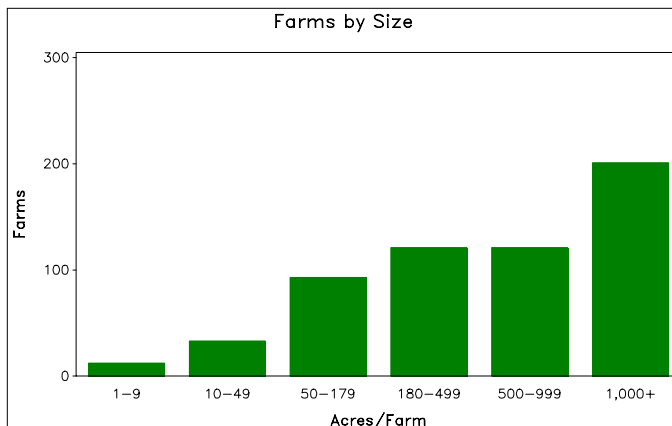
\$95,332 in 2002, \$143,737 in 1997, down 34 percent.

Government Payments

\$10,279,000 in 2002, \$8,624,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$22,059 in 2002, \$15,264 in 1997, up 45 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	55,388	60	254	1,039	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	52,460	19	252	452	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,927	234	254	2,583	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,446	75	235	1,368	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	38,832	7	162	19	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,096	41	199	727	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	174	77	224	982	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	45	140	178	2,289	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	8,867	8	250	155	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	223	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,554	228	254	2,004	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	30	166	250	1,619	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	90	174	253	1,858	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,204	249	254	2,503	3,059
All Goats	331	205	253	1,399	2,971
Elk	(D)	9	90	(D)	783
Horses and ponies	122	251	254	2,924	3,065
Sheep and lambs	89	184	244	2,320	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	215,421	5	165	6	663
Sorghum for grain	24,914	30	194	93	1,307
Peanuts	11,846	6	112	34	398
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,815	187	253	2,079	3,059
All Wheat for grain	3,616	105	202	1,050	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	238
\$1,000 to \$2,499	5
\$2,500 to \$4,999	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61
\$100,000 to \$249,999	84
\$250,000 to \$499,999	51
\$500,000 or more	24
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	50,770
Average per farm (\$)	87,233
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	19,080
Average per farm (\$)	32,783

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	435
Other	146
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	486
Female	95
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	734
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	36

(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.