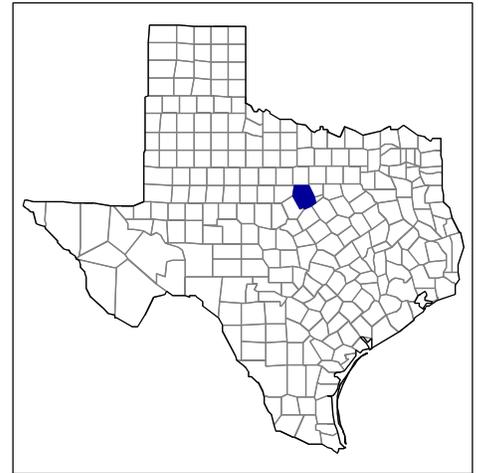




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Number of farms

1,977 farms in 2002, 2,058 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

580,627 acres in 2002, 632,519 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

294 acres in 2002, 307 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$207,714,000 in 2002, \$235,496,000 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,968,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$197,746,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

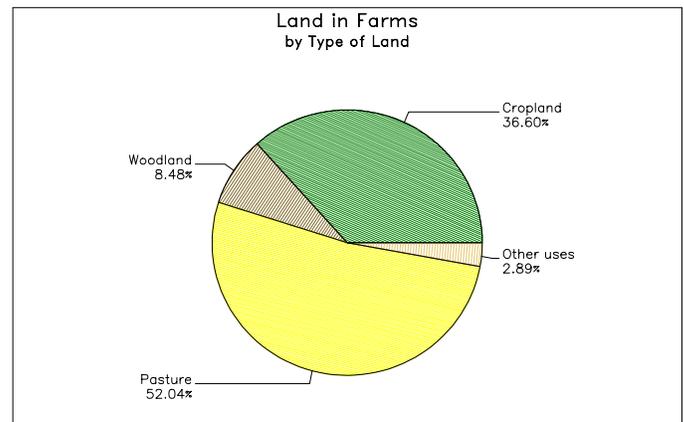
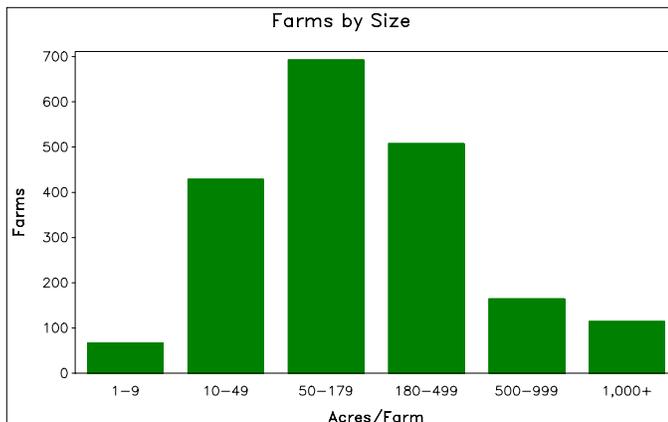
\$105,065 in 2002, \$114,429 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,102,000 in 2002, \$249,000 in 1997, up 1,146 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,249 in 2002, \$2,166 in 1997, up 281 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	207,714	16	254	136	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,968	97	252	1,654	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	197,746	14	254	72	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	966	123	235	1,778	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	670	59	199	896	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	626	20	224	467	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,943	33	178	530	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,764	20	250	321	3,046
Poultry and eggs	108	65	223	1,294	2,918
Cattle and calves	36,653	34	254	226	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	159,041	1	157	16	2,493
Hogs and pigs	59	66	235	1,645	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	995	20	253	132	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	17	142	208	1,598	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	163,698	10	254	47	3,059
Quail	(D)	4	135	(D)	1,412
All Goats	9,743	32	253	33	2,971
Horses and ponies	4,267	15	254	86	3,065
Sheep and lambs	3,363	43	244	337	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	73,677	4	253	104	3,059
Sorghum for silage	7,695	1	160	1	1,387
Pecans	2,296	27	222	69	1,194
Corn for silage	1,998	17	106	757	2,307
All Wheat for grain	1,818	124	202	1,325	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	524
\$1,000 to \$2,499	303
\$2,500 to \$4,999	293
\$5,000 to \$9,999	275
\$10,000 to \$19,999	228
\$20,000 to \$24,999	38
\$25,000 to \$39,999	84
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30
\$50,000 to \$99,999	54
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27
\$500,000 or more	87
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	182,430
Average per farm (\$)	92,370
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,912
Average per farm (\$)	17,171

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,044
Other	933
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,759
Female	218
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	2,874
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	30
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	4
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	79

(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.