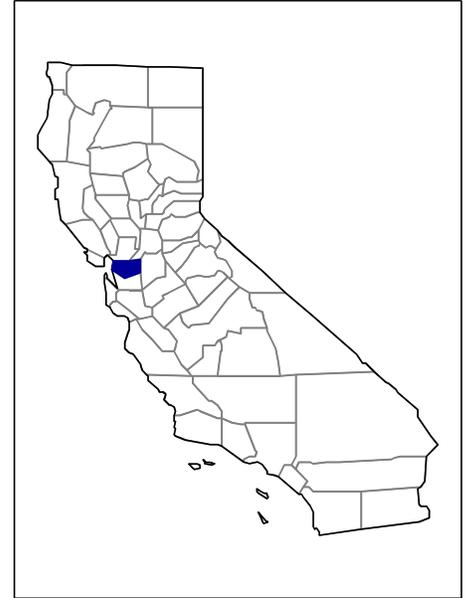




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Contra Costa, California



### Number of farms

592 farms in 2002, 770 farms in 1997, down 23 percent.

### Land in farms

126,338 acres in 2002, 168,270 acres in 1997, down 25 percent.

### Average size of farm

213 acres in 2002, 219 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$90,211,000 in 2002, \$68,511,000 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$78,183,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,028,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

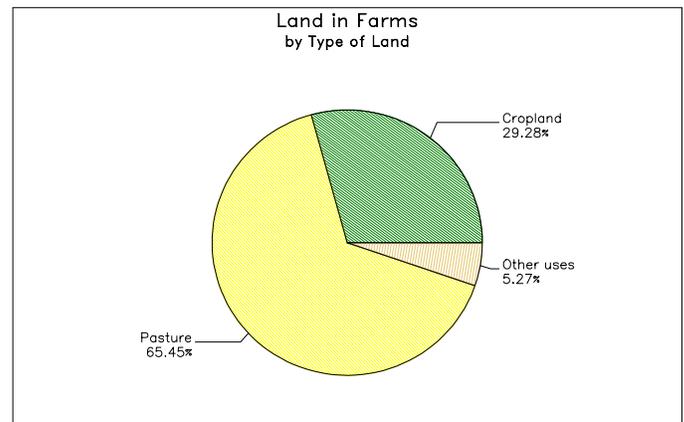
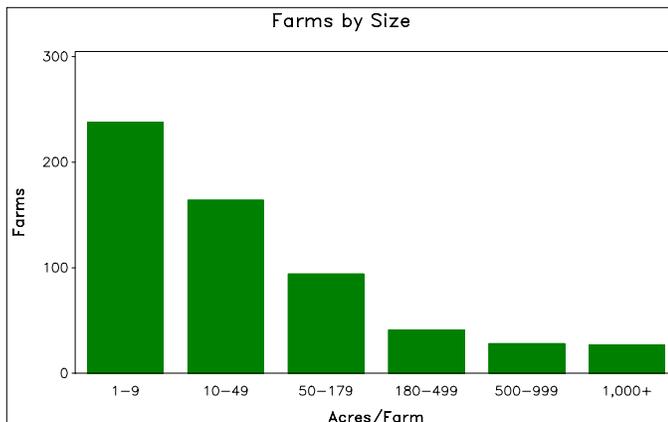
\$152,383 in 2002, \$88,976 in 1997, up 71 percent.

### Government Payments

\$174,000 in 2002, \$385,000 in 1997, down 55 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,945 in 2002, \$15,416 in 1997, down 55 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 58 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	90,211	37	58	608	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	78,183	35	58	227	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,028	33	58	1,727	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	48	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	18,638	26	56	109	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	13,518	34	55	100	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	42,123	19	55	69	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	100	35	56	1,318	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	57	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	48	31	53	1,717	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	77	45	56	970	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	326	27	56	664	3,014
Aquaculture	96	32	51	589	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	80	42	54	953	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	20,779	33	57	1,413	3,059
Pigeons	(D)	9	42	(D)	1,368
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,236	16	50	743	2,599
Horses and ponies	2,118	24	57	434	3,065
Colonies of bees	1,935	31	54	290	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,325	31	57	1,937	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	6,141	25	56	118	2,710
Corn for grain	3,236	12	30	1,428	2,592
Sweet corn	3,211	4	49	52	2,279
Grapes	1,776	25	52	41	1,830

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	174
\$1,000 to \$2,499	61
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60
\$5,000 to \$9,999	88
\$10,000 to \$19,999	38
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	40
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	24
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	70,689
Average per farm (\$)	119,609
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,744
Average per farm (\$)	41,868

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	338
Other	254
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	431
Female	161
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	866
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
Asian	15
More than one race	5
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	88

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.