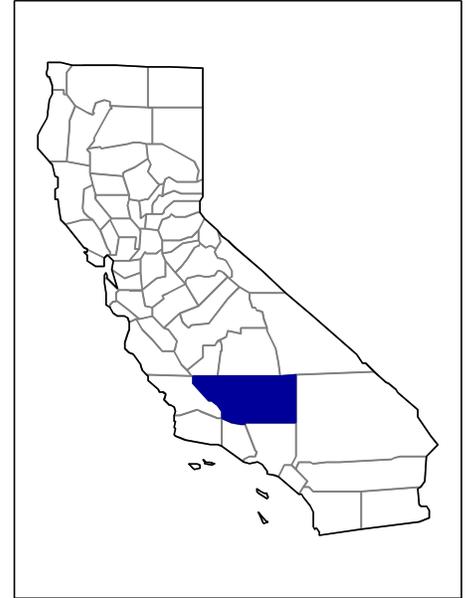


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Number of farms

2,147 farms in 2002, 2,369 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

2,731,341 acres in 2002, 2,875,932 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

1,272 acres in 2002, 1,214 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$2,058,705,000 in 2002, \$1,976,648,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,783,418,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$275,288,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

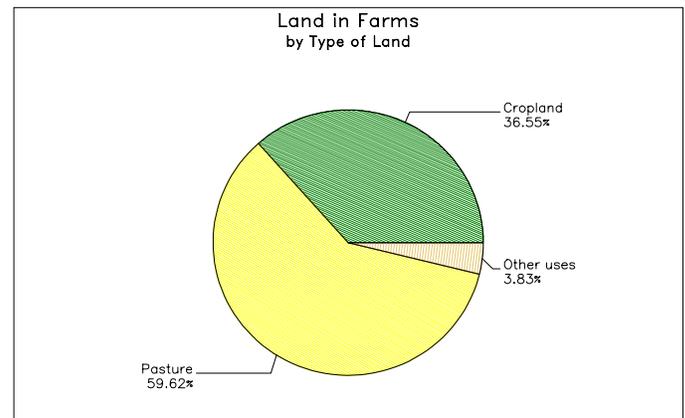
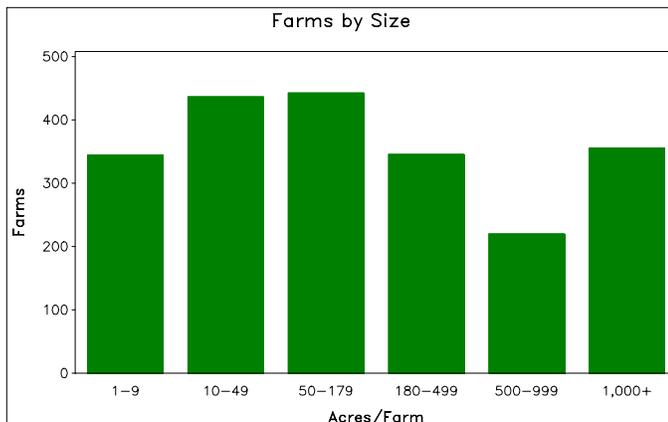
\$958,875 in 2002, \$834,381 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Government Payments

\$13,248,000 in 2002, \$15,363,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$36,595 in 2002, \$32,968 in 1997, up 11 percent.



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Ranked items among the 58 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	2,058,705	4	58	4	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,783,418	3	58	3	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	275,288	10	58	41	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	29,535	10	48	495	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	135,224	3	17	3	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	333,134	3	56	4	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,081,149	2	55	2	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	120,607	11	55	21	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	125	20	43	375	1,774
Other crops and hay	83,645	2	57	6	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	88,326	5	57	78	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	161,688	9	47	14	2,493
Hogs and pigs	232	11	53	1,216	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7,029	2	56	4	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	769	13	56	196	3,014
Aquaculture	571	17	51	247	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	7	56	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	260,040	8	57	19	3,059
Sheep and lambs	121,593	2	57	3	2,867
Colonies of bees	34,653	2	54	4	2,392
Horses and ponies	4,241	10	57	89	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	138,596	3	17	14	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	133,655	4	57	20	3,059
Almonds	112,492	1	41	1	72
Grapes	96,510	2	52	2	1,830
All Vegetables harvested	71,672	5	56	6	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	434
\$1,000 to \$2,499	183
\$2,500 to \$4,999	122
\$5,000 to \$9,999	101
\$10,000 to \$19,999	88
\$20,000 to \$24,999	33
\$25,000 to \$39,999	68
\$40,000 to \$49,999	53
\$50,000 to \$99,999	138
\$100,000 to \$249,999	225
\$250,000 to \$499,999	215
\$500,000 or more	487
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,609,494
Average per farm (\$)	750,347
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	506,736
Average per farm (\$)	236,240

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,504
Other	643
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,847
Female	300
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	3,270
Black or African American	32
American Indian or Alaska Native	57
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7
Asian	108
More than one race	12
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	283

(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.