



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Placer, California



Number of farms

1,438 farms in 2002, 1,339 farms in 1997, up 7 percent.

Land in farms

131,311 acres in 2002, 156,917 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

Average size of farm

91 acres in 2002, 117 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$37,168,000 in 2002, \$38,150,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$28,338,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,829,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

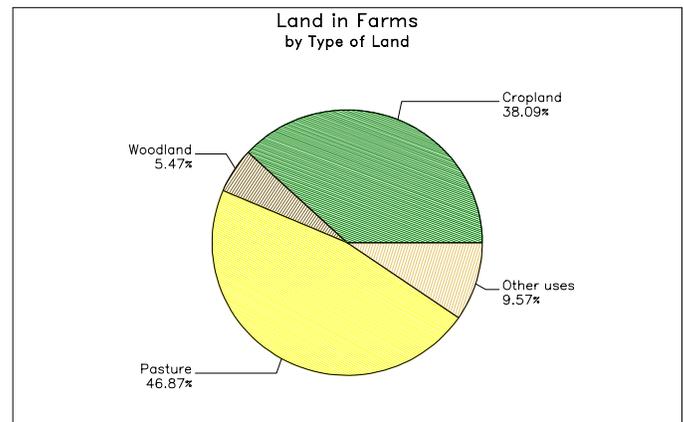
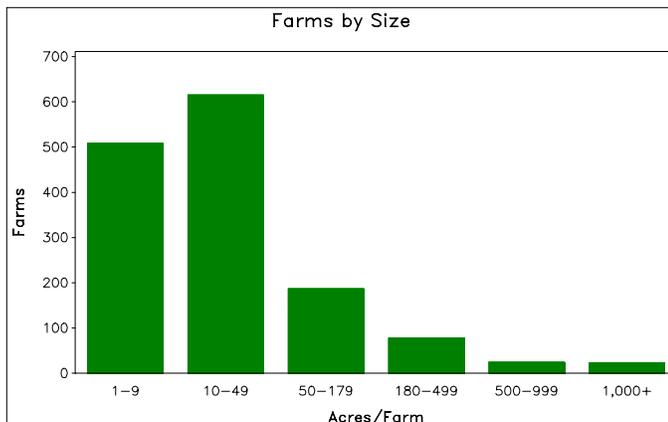
\$25,847 in 2002, \$28,491 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,379,000 in 2002, \$986,000 in 1997, up 40 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$28,733 in 2002, \$22,924 in 1997, up 25 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	37,168	42	58	1,506	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	28,338	41	58	906	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,829	39	58	1,975	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,949	18	48	1,179	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	430	42	56	1,058	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,387	39	55	183	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16,626	26	55	172	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	369	13	43	154	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,578	30	57	823	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,800	41	57	1,732	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,906	32	47	1,050	2,493
Hogs and pigs	77	20	53	1,542	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	745	14	56	205	3,014
Aquaculture	114	30	51	551	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	383	31	54	360	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	13	50	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	20,991	32	57	1,403	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	5,258	21	56	793	2,983
Colonies of bees	5,210	25	54	105	2,392
Sheep and lambs	5,059	24	57	218	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Rice	12,078	7	16	60	150
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,892	29	57	1,894	3,059
All Wheat for grain	(D)	19	38	(D)	2,517
Cut Christmas trees	499	4	45	183	1,877
Corn for silage	(D)	21	33	(D)	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	609
\$1,000 to \$2,499	240
\$2,500 to \$4,999	163
\$5,000 to \$9,999	165
\$10,000 to \$19,999	97
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30
\$100,000 to \$249,999	38
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15
\$500,000 or more	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	40,444
Average per farm (\$)	28,145
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,884
Average per farm (\$)	3,399

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	782
Other	656
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,074
Female	364
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	2,128
Black or African American	7
American Indian or Alaska Native	36
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
Asian	80
More than one race	12
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	103

(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.