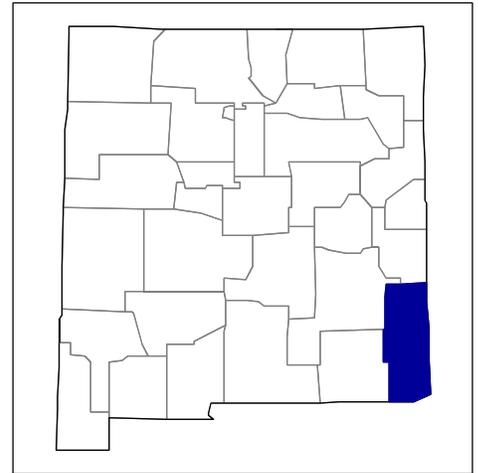




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Number of farms

554 farms in 2002, 682 farms in 1997, down 19 percent.

Land in farms

2,258,353 acres in 2002, 2,008,431 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Average size of farm

4,076 acres in 2002, 2,945 acres in 1997, up 38 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$98,298,000 in 2002, \$61,365,000 in 1997, up 60 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$22,634,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$75,664,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

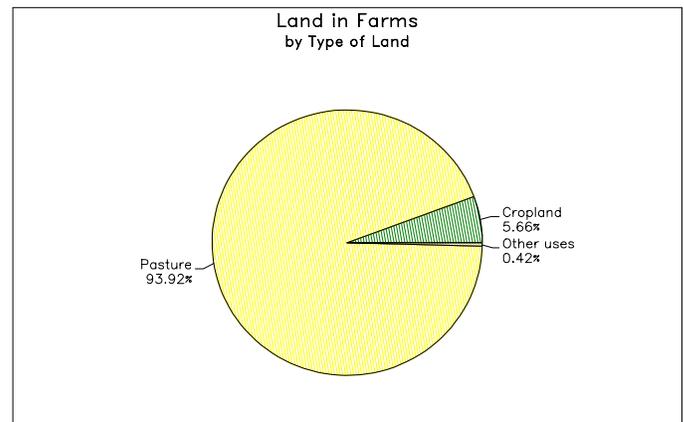
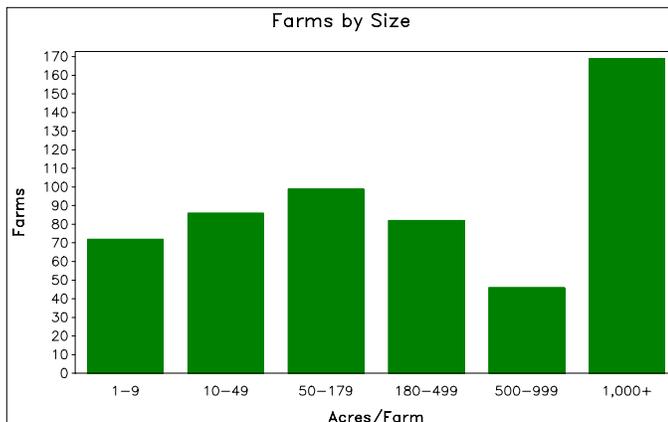
\$177,433 in 2002, \$89,978 in 1997, up 97 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,841,000 in 2002, \$1,892,000 in 1997, up 50 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,754 in 2002, \$10,689 in 1997, up 66 percent.



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Ranked items among the 33 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	98,298	6	33	524	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,634	8	33	1,073	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	75,664	6	33	313	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,318	9	26	1,508	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	4,983	2	10	177	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,900	6	29	312	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	495	9	30	528	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	758	7	29	1,221	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	9,179	5	33	149	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	30	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	20,852	5	33	491	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	54,302	5	18	66	2,493
Hogs and pigs	19	8	32	2,063	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	198	11	32	444	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	288	9	33	767	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	11	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	30	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	91,872	5	33	166	3,059
Sheep and lambs	4,420	10	32	251	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,936	9	33	520	3,065
All Goats	611	9	32	840	2,971
Hogs and pigs	601	1	32	1,550	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,104	7	33	1,200	3,059
All Cotton	13,649	2	10	222	663
Corn for silage	7,084	6	19	246	2,307
Peanuts	4,202	2	3	80	398
All Wheat for grain	3,857	6	22	1,019	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	184
\$1,000 to \$2,499	57
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39
\$5,000 to \$9,999	40
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33
\$100,000 to \$249,999	49
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	34
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	95,280
Average per farm (\$)	171,985
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,550
Average per farm (\$)	11,824

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	322
Other	232
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	505
Female	49
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	758
Black or African American	10
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	39

(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.