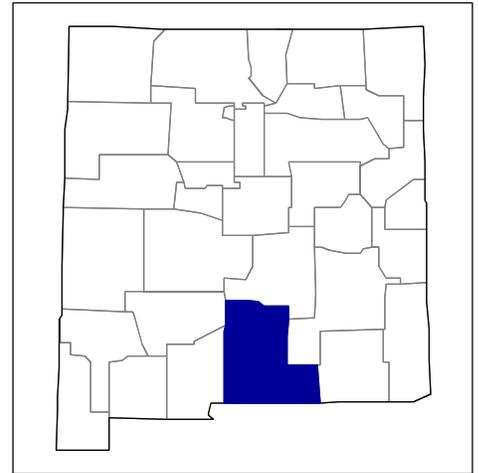


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Number of farms

622 farms in 2002, 602 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

1,207,598 acres in 2002, 1,116,526 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Average size of farm

1,941 acres in 2002, 1,855 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$10,544,000 in 2002, \$10,576,000 in 1997, down slightly.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,600,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,944,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

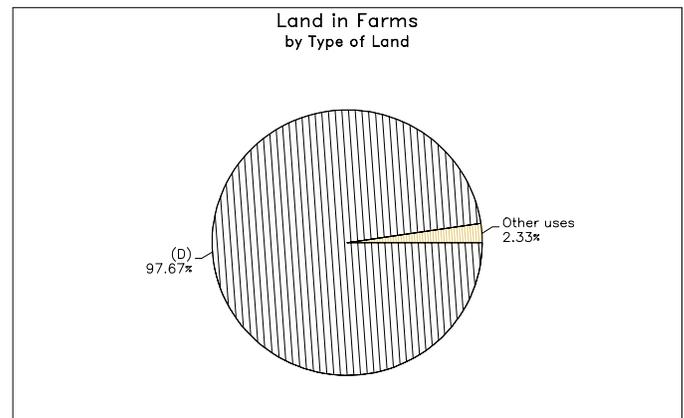
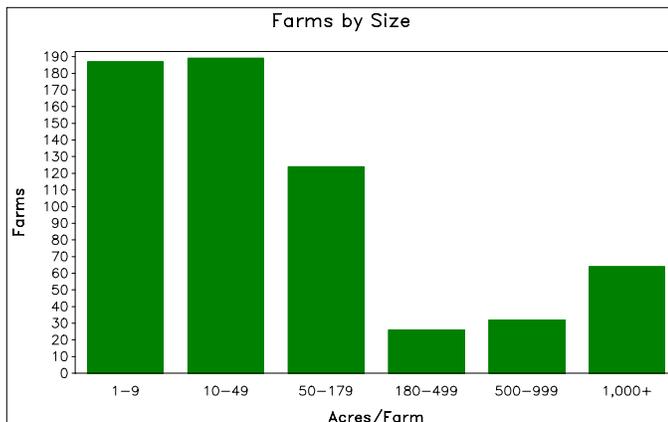
\$16,952 in 2002, \$17,568 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$203,000 in 2002, \$33,000 in 1997, up 515 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,756 in 2002, \$1,324 in 1997, up 410 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	10,544	25	33	2,482	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,600	14	33	2,029	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,944	28	33	2,354	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	26	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	10	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	48	20	29	2,068	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,638	2	30	150	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	339	11	29	1,602	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	10	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	574	22	33	1,781	3,046
Poultry and eggs	16	10	30	1,802	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,945	27	33	1,704	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	18	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	8	19	32	2,373	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	616	6	32	151	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	278	10	33	798	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	30	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	16,833	27	33	1,625	3,059
Sheep and lambs	9,168	6	32	128	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,698	5	32	906	2,983
Horses and ponies	2,262	5	33	385	3,065
All Goats	540	12	32	946	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,000	24	33	2,741	3,059
Pecans	(D)	4	18	(D)	1,194
Pistachios	1,175	1	7	10	55
Apples	370	2	29	135	2,173
Grapes	(D)	2	19	(D)	1,830

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	233	Farming	316
\$1,000 to \$2,499	84	Other	306
\$2,500 to \$4,999	85		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	63	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	71	Male	529
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	93
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	White	960
\$500,000 or more	4	Black or African American	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,761	American Indian or Alaska Native	10
Average per farm (\$)	15,396	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,977	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	6,273	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	123

(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.