

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Childress, Texas



Number of farms

300 farms in 2002, 315 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

368,782 acres in 2002, 399,557 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

1,229 acres in 2002, 1,268 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$13,592,000 in 2002, \$20,084,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,258,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,334,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

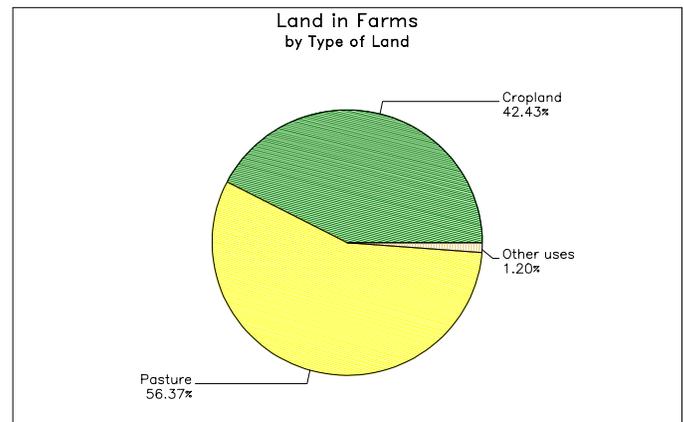
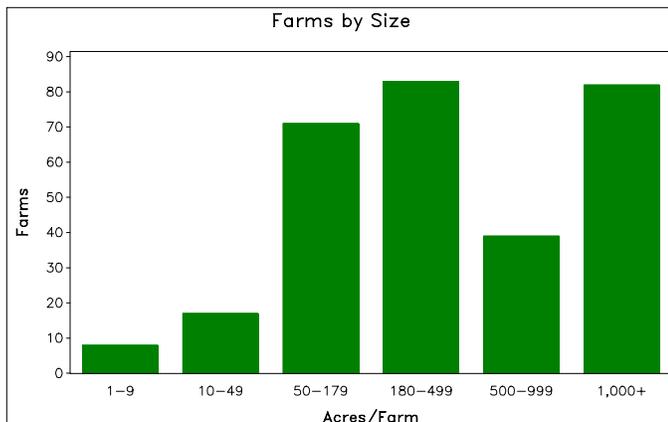
\$45,308 in 2002, \$63,759 in 1997, down 29 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,629,000 in 2002, \$2,646,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,413 in 2002, \$11,761 in 1997, up 14 percent.



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Ranked items among the 254 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	13,592	182	254	2,330	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,258	114	252	1,863	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,334	197	254	2,195	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,277	113	235	1,712	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	5,228	47	162	168	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	199	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	224	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,255	178	254	1,345	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	46	206	253	2,395	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	27	121	208	1,389	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	19,757	188	254	1,465	3,059
Horses and ponies	303	229	254	2,614	3,065
All Goats	203	211	253	1,812	2,971
Colonies of bees	195	39	160	917	2,392
Hogs and pigs	(D)	176	238	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	32,300	38	165	111	663
All Wheat for grain	20,792	45	202	448	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,578	157	253	1,818	3,059
Peanuts	1,271	26	112	139	398
Sorghum for grain	1,144	131	194	448	1,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	94	Farming	173
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	127
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Male	267
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	33
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	White	410
\$500,000 or more	3	Black or African American	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,853	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	49,510	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,502	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	15,008	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.