



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Comal, Texas

Number of farms

852 farms in 2002, 822 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

203,291 acres in 2002, 205,676 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

239 acres in 2002, 250 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$5,631,000 in 2002, \$5,632,000 in 1997, down slightly.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,492,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,138,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

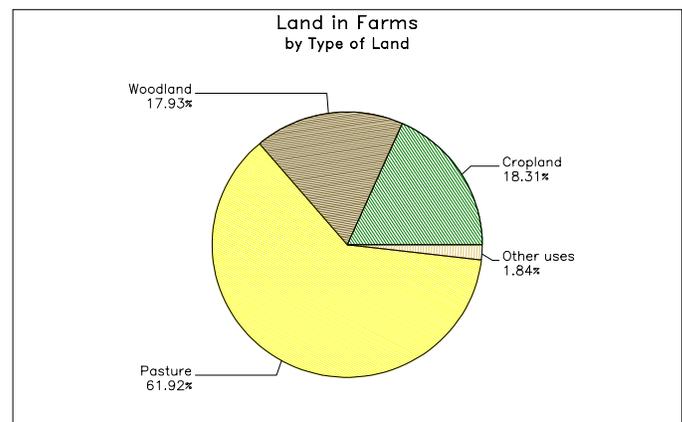
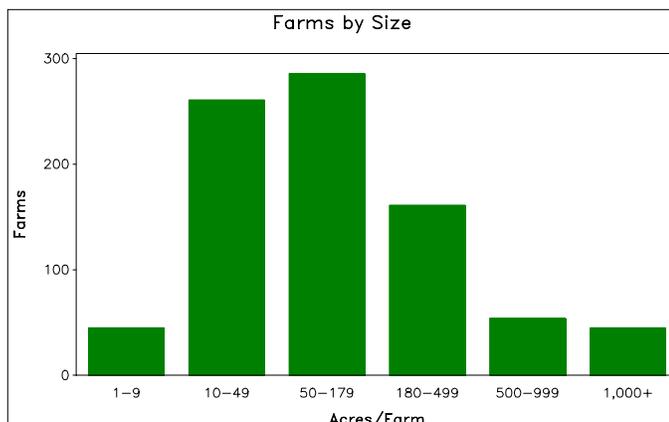
\$6,609 in 2002, \$6,852 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$125,000 in 2002, \$146,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,406 in 2002, \$2,701 in 1997, down 48 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	5,631	231	254	2,740	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,492	197	252	2,604	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,138	217	254	2,425	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	342	160	235	2,099	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	162	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	873	62	178	1,150	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	209	204	250	2,504	3,046
Poultry and eggs	70	76	223	1,389	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,747	226	254	1,958	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	147	37	235	1,349	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	376	41	250	245	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	316	77	253	692	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	482	17	208	286	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	14,582	210	254	1,764	3,059
Quail	(D)	17	135	(D)	1,412
All Goats	7,948	38	253	42	2,971
Sheep and lambs	3,379	42	244	331	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,148	95	237	1,283	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,176	162	253	1,863	3,059
Corn for grain	1,179	97	166	1,751	2,592
Sorghum for grain	1,090	133	194	454	1,307
All Wheat for grain	765	144	202	1,637	2,517
Pecans	153	126	222	377	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	306	Farming	409
\$1,000 to \$2,499	202	Other	443
\$2,500 to \$4,999	145	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	90	Male	700
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63	Female	152
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	White	1,236
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	Black or African American	17
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	Asian	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,249	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	9,659	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	63
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-4,187		
Average per farm (\$)	-4,902		

(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.