

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

El Paso, Texas



Number of farms

600 farms in 2002, 530 farms in 1997, up 13 percent.

Land in farms

113,948 acres in 2002, 249,165 acres in 1997, down 54 percent.

Average size of farm

190 acres in 2002, 470 acres in 1997, down 60 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$67,884,000 in 2002, \$79,229,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$29,030,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$38,854,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

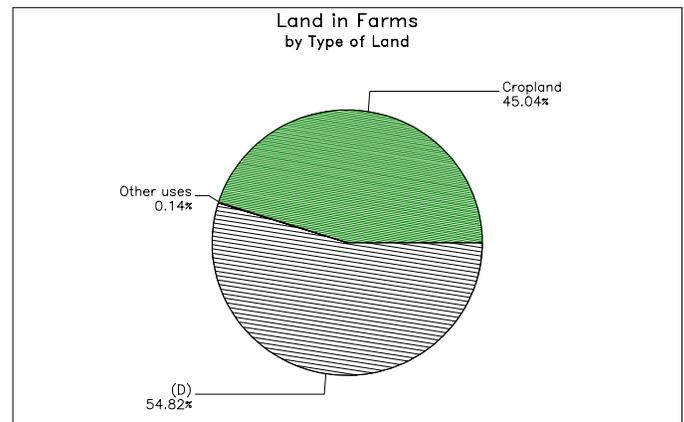
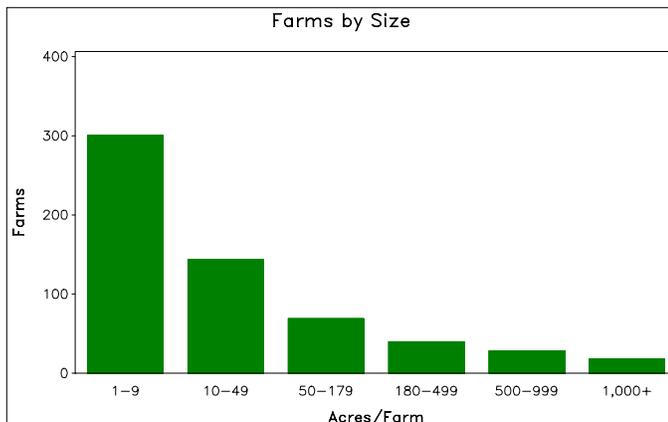
\$113,140 in 2002, \$149,489 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Government Payments

\$421,000 in 2002, \$968,000 in 1997, down 57 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,270 in 2002, \$14,891 in 1997, down 31 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	67,884	44	254	836	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	29,030	39	252	883	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	38,854	55	254	747	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	15,213	19	162	66	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,482	11	199	289	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5,044	4	224	144	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	2,428	35	250	520	3,046
Poultry and eggs	9	137	223	2,002	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,295	143	254	1,041	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	28,402	4	157	162	2,493
Hogs and pigs	9	161	235	2,344	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	38	146	250	1,463	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	253	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	27,757	165	254	1,128	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	6	160	(D)	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,816	77	237	1,050	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,570	83	254	710	3,065
All Goats	915	147	253	531	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	20,212	52	165	170	663
Pecans	10,022	2	222	4	1,194
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,028	195	253	2,178	3,059
Corn for silage	2,804	14	106	600	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	1,482	19	202	342	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	163	Farming	321
\$1,000 to \$2,499	127	Other	279
\$2,500 to \$4,999	78		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Male	541
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	59
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	24	White	827
\$500,000 or more	21	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	69,738	American Indian or Alaska Native	18
Average per farm (\$)	116,424	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,287	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	3,818	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	389

(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.