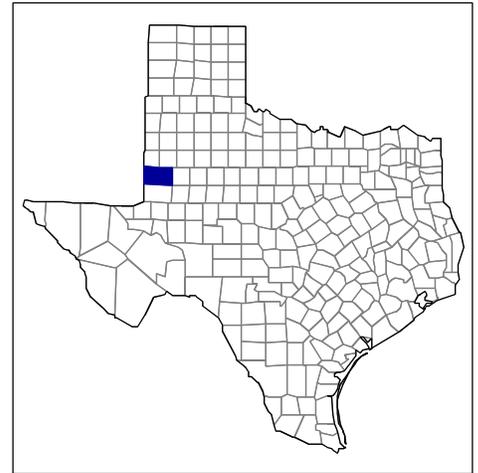




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Number of farms

724 farms in 2002, 827 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

758,896 acres in 2002, 813,603 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm

1,048 acres in 2002, 984 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$144,614,000 in 2002, \$226,230,000 in 1997, down 36 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$105,638,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$38,976,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

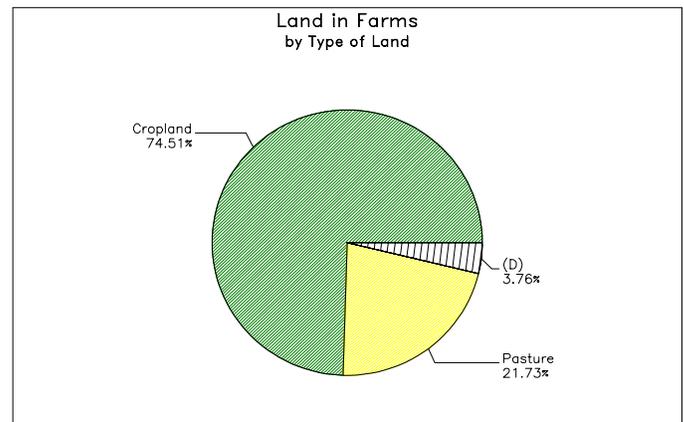
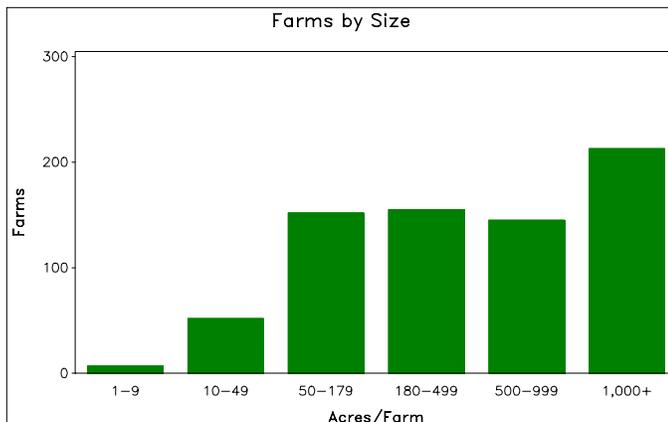
\$199,744 in 2002, \$273,556 in 1997, down 27 percent.

Government Payments

\$27,082,000 in 2002, \$11,699,000 in 1997, up 131 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$51,487 in 2002, \$18,222 in 1997, up 183 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	144,614	21	254	265	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	105,638	2	252	118	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	38,976	51	254	741	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,452	62	235	1,280	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	46,045	4	162	12	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,607	7	199	220	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	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	47,377	1	250	21	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	38,837	31	254	208	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	60	117	250	1,137	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	26	230	253	2,678	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	208	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	36,490	137	254	863	3,059
All Goats	915	147	253	531	2,971
Sheep and lambs	329	134	244	1,704	2,867
Horses and ponies	274	233	254	2,677	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	229	174	237	2,407	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	187,676	8	165	10	663
Peanuts	59,239	1	112	1	398
All Wheat for grain	27,026	38	202	387	2,517
Sorghum for grain	23,068	32	194	102	1,307
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,724	93	253	1,118	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	289	Farming	534
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34	Other	190
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14	Male	634
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Female	90
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	White	944
\$50,000 to \$99,999	62	Black or African American	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	111	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	87	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	46	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	128,700	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	177,517	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	62
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	48,619		
Average per farm (\$)	67,061		

(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.