

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Gillespie, Texas



Number of farms

1,812 farms in 2002, 1,705 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

Land in farms

645,422 acres in 2002, 704,742 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

356 acres in 2002, 413 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$23,960,000 in 2002, \$29,808,000 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,927,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$19,033,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

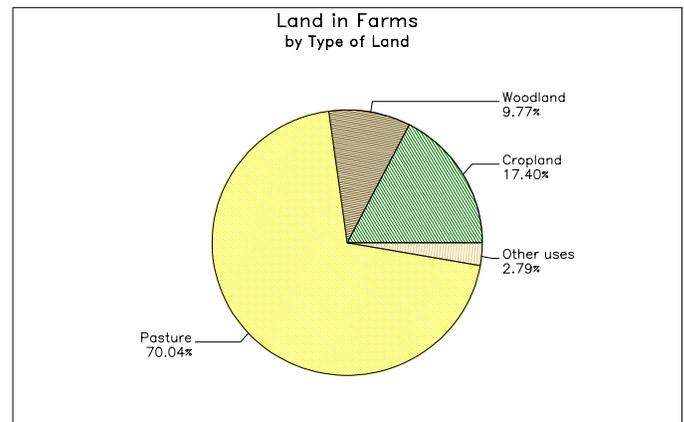
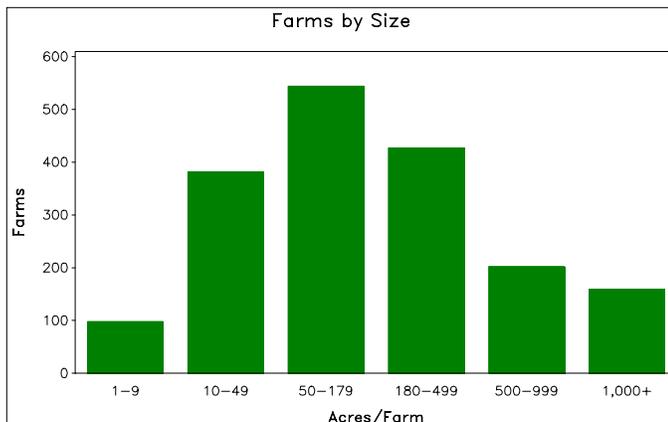
\$13,223 in 2002, \$17,483 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Government Payments

\$653,000 in 2002, \$460,000 in 1997, up 42 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,926 in 2002, \$1,638 in 1997, up 18 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	23,960	140	254	1,922	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,927	133	252	2,074	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,033	117	254	1,344	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	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,480	35	199	632	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,545	8	224	277	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	858	111	250	1,392	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	12,426	119	254	834	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	420	14	235	1,076	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4,250	5	250	13	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	537	46	253	345	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	874	7	208	146	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	44,212	122	254	683	3,059
Sheep and lambs	43,988	7	244	20	2,867
All Goats	33,409	8	253	8	2,971
Hogs and pigs	4,898	11	238	895	2,926
Deer	3,814	6	170	6	1,080
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,005	87	253	1,059	3,059
All Wheat for grain	3,862	103	202	1,018	2,517
Oats	3,605	7	173	124	2,215
Sorghum for grain	1,410	125	194	421	1,307
Peaches	1,294	1	155	26	1,773

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	449
\$1,000 to \$2,499	346
\$2,500 to \$4,999	301
\$5,000 to \$9,999	265
\$10,000 to \$19,999	215
\$20,000 to \$24,999	50
\$25,000 to \$39,999	84
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24
\$50,000 to \$99,999	51
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,125
Average per farm (\$)	15,436
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,994
Average per farm (\$)	-1,643

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	930
Other	882
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,567
Female	245
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	2,695
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	10
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	-
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	72

(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.