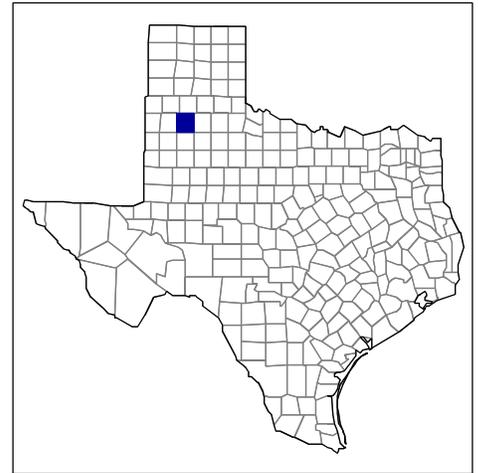


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Number of farms

915 farms in 2002, 958 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

605,020 acres in 2002, 623,548 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

661 acres in 2002, 651 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$225,246,000 in 2002, \$246,480,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$102,851,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$122,395,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

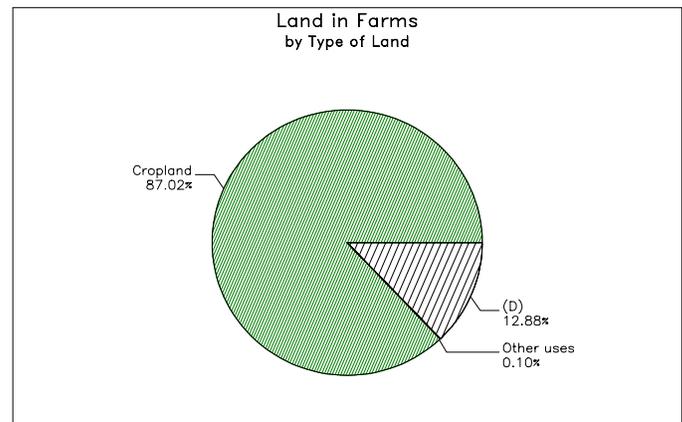
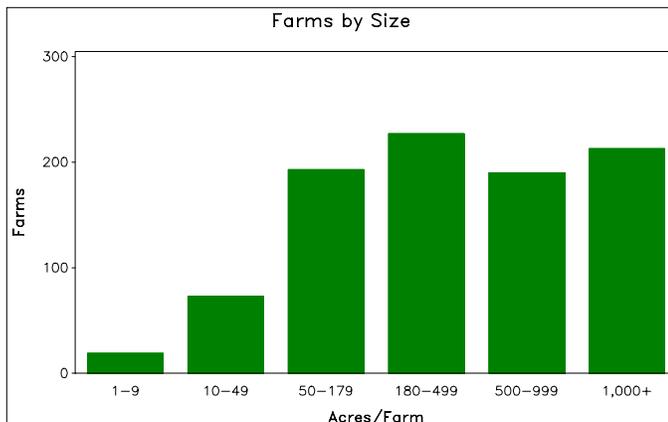
\$246,171 in 2002, \$257,286 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$15,998,000 in 2002, \$12,959,000 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$22,376 in 2002, \$16,593 in 1997, up 35 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	225,246	15	254	124	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	102,851	3	252	124	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	122,395	18	254	149	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,994	16	235	755	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	77,364	1	162	5	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,299	10	199	262	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	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6	149	223	2,165	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	13	146	235	2,226	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	36	151	250	1,496	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	82	180	253	1,949	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	93,924	35	254	155	3,059
Sheep and lambs	627	100	244	1,299	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	586	134	237	1,776	2,983
Horses and ponies	468	197	254	2,230	3,065
Hogs and pigs	376	87	238	1,757	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	221,719	4	165	4	663
Sorghum for grain	50,134	7	194	30	1,307
All Wheat for grain	30,581	30	202	358	2,517
Corn for grain	15,553	30	166	888	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,957	138	253	1,595	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	337	Farming	629
\$1,000 to \$2,499	29	Other	286
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	38	Male	771
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	144
\$25,000 to \$39,999	39		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	79		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	142	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	111	White	1,206
\$500,000 or more	60	Black or African American	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	203,243	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	223,344	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	42,967	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	47,216	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	53

(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.