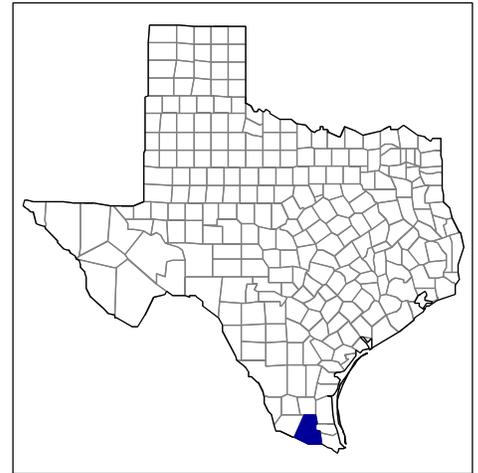


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Hidalgo, Texas



### Number of farms

2,104 farms in 2002, 1,697 farms in 1997, up 24 percent.

### Land in farms

593,158 acres in 2002, 659,696 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Average size of farm

282 acres in 2002, 389 acres in 1997, down 28 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$202,073,000 in 2002, \$202,809,000 in 1997, down slightly.

Crop sales accounted for \$182,431,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$19,642,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

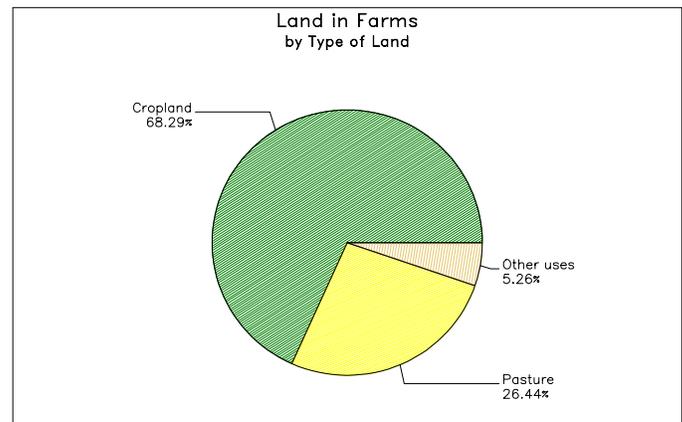
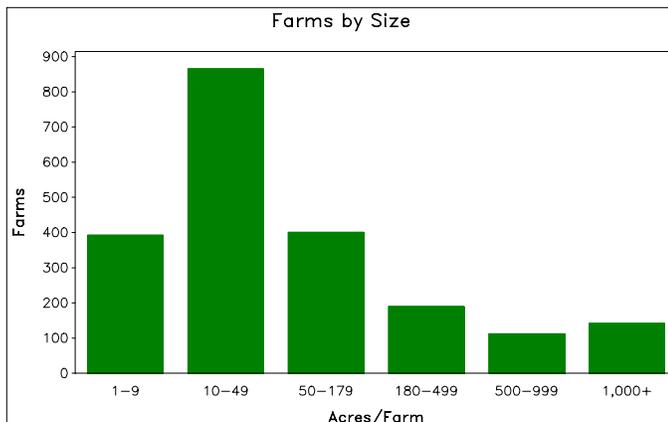
\$96,042 in 2002, \$119,511 in 1997, down 20 percent.

### Government Payments

\$6,509,000 in 2002, \$6,137,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,996 in 2002, \$13,698 in 1997, up 24 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 254 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	202,073	17	254	148	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	182,431	1	252	52	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,642	115	254	1,313	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	12,208	28	235	915	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	13,569	22	162	72	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	78,190	1	199	28	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	50,144	1	224	50	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,909	26	178	359	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	21,411	2	250	70	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	160	223	2,321	2,918
Cattle and calves	17,657	91	254	595	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	19	116	235	2,087	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,006	19	253	129	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	192	52	208	614	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	31,330	155	254	1,019	3,059
Colonies of bees	(D)	2	160	(D)	2,392
All Goats	2,072	92	253	175	2,971
Horses and ponies	2,058	56	254	458	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,222	90	237	1,242	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Sorghum for grain	110,761	2	194	2	1,307
All Cotton	41,322	33	165	88	663
All Vegetables harvested	36,098	1	202	17	2,710
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,481	79	253	955	3,059
Sugrcane for sugar	23,262	1	7	14	37

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	497
\$1,000 to \$2,499	233
\$2,500 to \$4,999	228
\$5,000 to \$9,999	217
\$10,000 to \$19,999	298
\$20,000 to \$24,999	110
\$25,000 to \$39,999	144
\$40,000 to \$49,999	45
\$50,000 to \$99,999	80
\$100,000 to \$249,999	101
\$250,000 to \$499,999	67
\$500,000 or more	84
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	152,319
Average per farm (\$)	72,429
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	64,193
Average per farm (\$)	30,525

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,115
Other	989
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,934
Female	170
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	2,769
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	28
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	18
More than one race	6
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1,501

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.