

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Howard, Texas



### Number of farms

466 farms in 2002, 516 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

518,369 acres in 2002, 565,876 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,112 acres in 2002, 1,097 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$15,106,000 in 2002, \$32,601,000 in 1997, down 54 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,762,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,344,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

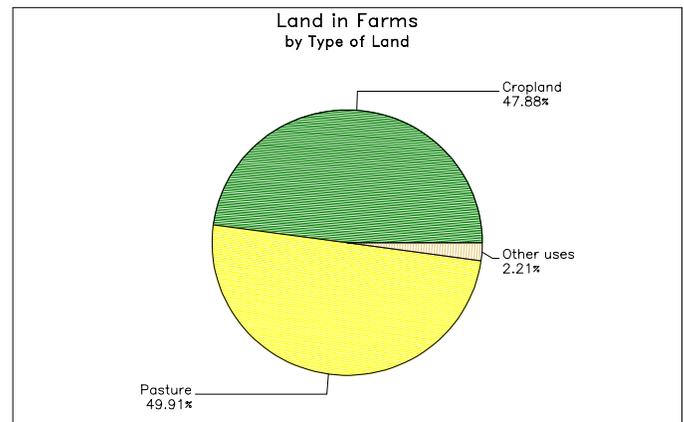
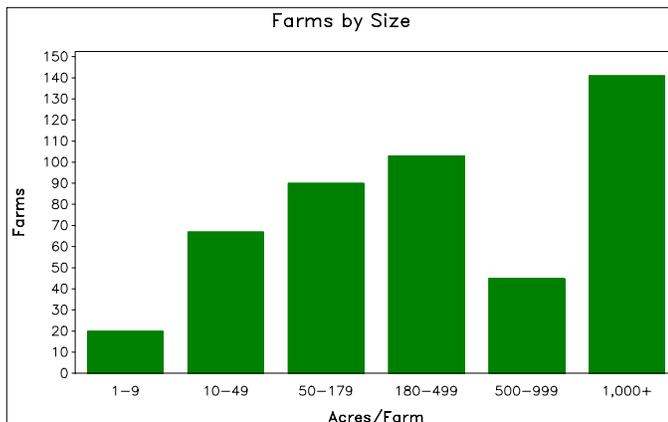
\$32,416 in 2002, \$63,181 in 1997, down 49 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,369,000 in 2002, \$3,775,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,548 in 2002, \$13,016 in 1997, up 27 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	15,106	174	254	2,267	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,762	85	252	1,546	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,344	229	254	2,534	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	407	156	235	2,048	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	10,181	31	162	97	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	31	152	224	1,790	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	1,020	96	250	1,223	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(Z)	201	223	2,797	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,262	217	254	1,849	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	206	235	2,706	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	48	129	250	1,291	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	31	223	253	2,597	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	208	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	10,332	226	254	2,022	3,059
All Goats	1,469	111	253	282	2,971
Sheep and lambs	1,197	63	244	851	2,867
Horses and ponies	583	177	254	1,987	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	101	201	237	2,711	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Cotton	71,966	24	165	44	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,046	128	253	1,500	3,059
Guar	3,787	1	15	1	17
Sorghum for grain	3,469	94	194	293	1,307
All Wheat for grain	1,233	133	202	1,464	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	227
\$1,000 to \$2,499	42
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7
\$500,000 or more	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,691
Average per farm (\$)	42,347
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	988
Average per farm (\$)	2,124

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	266
Other	200
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	426
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	597
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	42

(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.