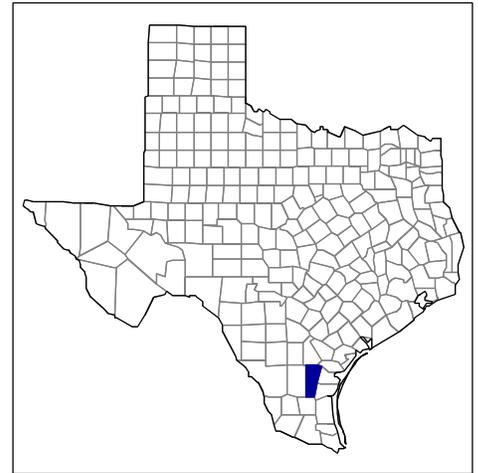




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Number of farms

912 farms in 2002, 876 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

497,880 acres in 2002, 510,354 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

546 acres in 2002, 583 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$47,344,000 in 2002, \$36,248,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$13,291,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$34,054,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

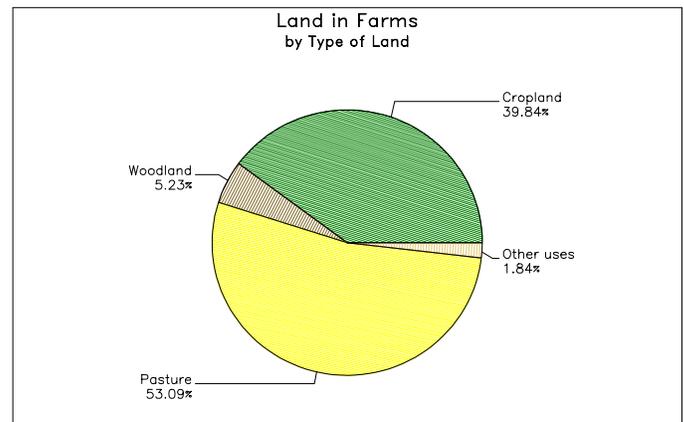
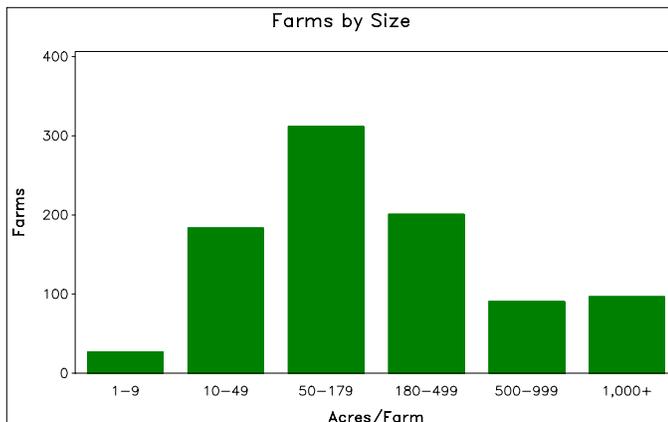
\$51,912 in 2002, \$41,379 in 1997, up 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,685,000 in 2002, \$1,804,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,391 in 2002, \$9,395 in 1997, down 21 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	47,344	74	254	1,238	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,291	78	252	1,471	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	34,054	69	254	845	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,222	55	235	1,221	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	2,521	65	162	256	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,280	16	199	338	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	11	183	224	2,176	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	7	146	223	2,112	2,918
Cattle and calves	26,494	51	254	349	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	182	235	2,528	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	137	146	253	1,471	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	27	123	208	1,394	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	49,465	115	254	579	3,059
All Goats	4,079	55	253	74	2,971
Horses and ponies	1,032	122	254	1,239	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	721	125	237	1,635	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	338	82	192	1,264	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sorghum for grain	46,869	8	194	32	1,307
Corn for grain	22,394	23	166	782	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,958	102	253	1,203	3,059
All Cotton	10,937	63	165	250	663
Sunflower seed	(D)	3	38	(D)	746

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	262	Farming	506
\$1,000 to \$2,499	151	Other	406
\$2,500 to \$4,999	152		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	121	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	68	Male	846
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Female	66
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	White	1,228
\$500,000 or more	10	Black or African American	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	47,771	American Indian or Alaska Native	23
Average per farm (\$)	52,381	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,201	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	1,317	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	498

(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.