



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Lavaca, Texas



Number of farms

2,861 farms in 2002, 2,862 farms in 1997, down slightly.

Land in farms

601,698 acres in 2002, 534,904 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Average size of farm

210 acres in 2002, 187 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$45,660,000 in 2002, \$43,103,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,538,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$42,122,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

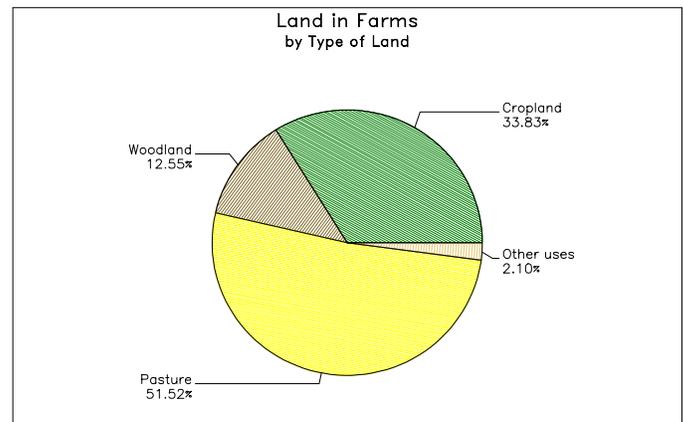
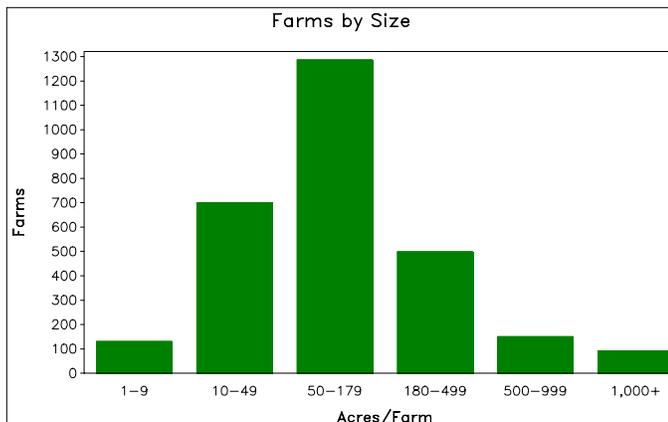
\$15,959 in 2002, \$15,060 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$910,000 in 2002, \$533,000 in 1997, up 71 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,973 in 2002, \$2,288 in 1997, up 117 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	45,660	80	254	1,269	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,538	157	252	2,258	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	42,122	45	254	683	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,630	106	235	1,643	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	162	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	493	27	224	531	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	277	99	178	1,680	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,032	93	250	1,209	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13,745	22	223	378	2,918
Cattle and calves	26,245	52	254	357	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,500	47	157	1,160	2,493
Hogs and pigs	170	33	235	1,301	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	30	165	250	1,615	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	104	163	253	1,742	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	488,256	10	237	174	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	26	192	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	132,041	14	254	71	3,059
Turkeys	(D)	6	186	(D)	2,328
Horses and ponies	1,392	92	254	846	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	53,311	19	253	260	3,059
Corn for grain	6,834	57	166	1,160	2,592
Pecans	2,688	17	222	55	1,194
Rice	1,605	14	21	100	150
Sorghum for grain	660	144	194	533	1,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	416
\$1,000 to \$2,499	543
\$2,500 to \$4,999	566
\$5,000 to \$9,999	556
\$10,000 to \$19,999	418
\$20,000 to \$24,999	91
\$25,000 to \$39,999	116
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30
\$50,000 to \$99,999	78
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16
\$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,327
Average per farm (\$)	15,854
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,313
Average per farm (\$)	459

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,445
Other	1,416
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	2,605
Female	256
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	3,957
Black or African American	70
American Indian or Alaska Native	17
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	1
More than one race	8
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	127

(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.