



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Stephens, Texas



### Number of farms

435 farms in 2002, 503 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

### Land in farms

427,859 acres in 2002, 460,002 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Average size of farm

984 acres in 2002, 915 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$8,758,000 in 2002, \$7,986,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$497,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,260,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

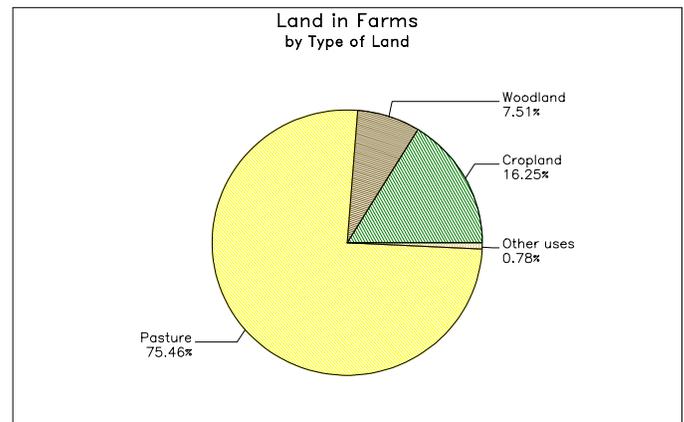
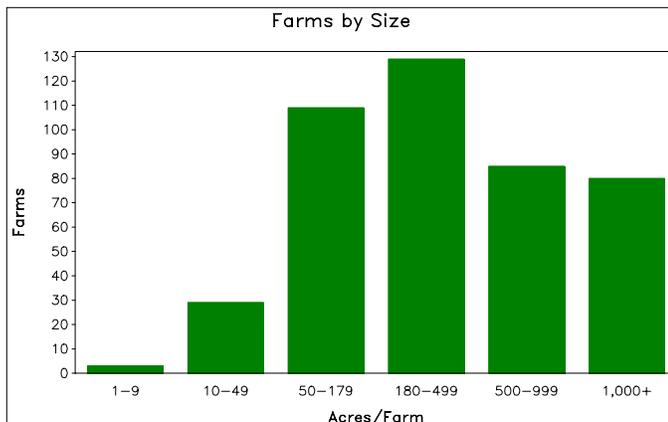
\$20,132 in 2002, \$15,876 in 1997, up 27 percent.

### Government Payments

\$361,000 in 2002, \$147,000 in 1997, up 146 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,961 in 2002, \$1,732 in 1997, up 71 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	8,758	211	254	2,565	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	497	231	252	2,887	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,260	179	254	2,019	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	354	159	235	2,093	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	199	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	25	157	224	1,859	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	178	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	119	218	250	2,735	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,993	160	254	1,152	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	127	77	250	669	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	99	166	253	1,770	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	25,334	172	254	1,223	3,059
All Goats	2,674	74	253	123	2,971
Horses and ponies	456	203	254	2,253	3,065
Sheep and lambs	361	131	244	1,653	2,867
Deer	210	100	170	277	1,080
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	7,590	76	202	745	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,896	183	253	2,068	3,059
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	332	18	71	269	571
Oats	316	79	173	1,072	2,215
Pecans	(D)	111	222	(D)	1,194

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	99
\$1,000 to \$2,499	79
\$2,500 to \$4,999	54
\$5,000 to \$9,999	80
\$10,000 to \$19,999	68
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,925
Average per farm (\$)	15,846
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,167
Average per farm (\$)	4,959

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	224
Other	211
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	389
Female	46
Average age of principal operator (years)	60.0
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	617
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	2
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	21

(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.