

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Santa Cruz, California



Number of farms

754 farms in 2002, 863 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

67,166 acres in 2002, 80,343 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

Average size of farm

89 acres in 2002, 93 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$361,901,000 in 2002, \$254,289,000 in 1997, up 42 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$353,007,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,894,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

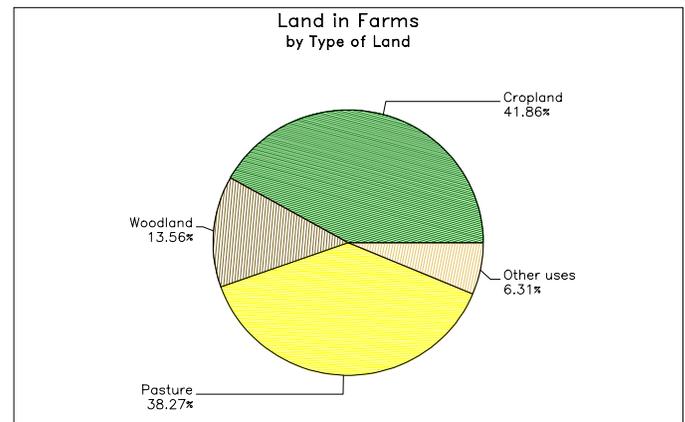
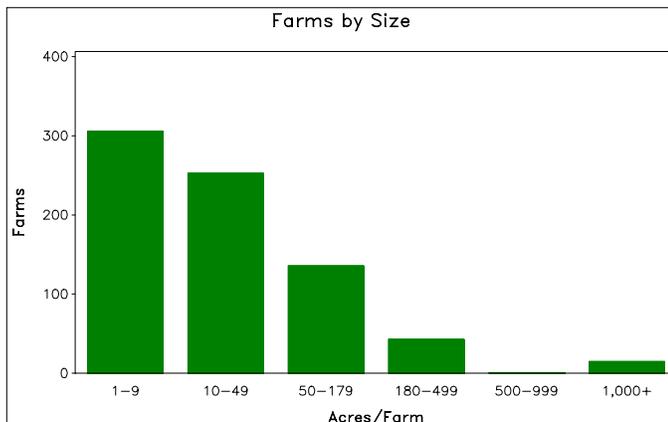
\$479,975 in 2002, \$294,657 in 1997, up 63 percent.

Government Payments

\$233,000 in 2002, \$35,000 in 1997, up 566 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,622 in 2002, \$1,672 in 1997, up 416 percent.



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Ranked items among the 58 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	361,901	19	58	52	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	353,007	18	58	27	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,894	38	58	1,967	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	48	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	81,951	14	56	27	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	181,687	15	55	19	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	88,808	13	55	28	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	518	7	43	103	1,774
Other crops and hay	42	51	57	2,921	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	823	53	57	2,625	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	430	39	47	1,727	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	46	53	2,512	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	41	48	56	1,404	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	199	37	56	1,120	3,014
Aquaculture	1,200	13	51	154	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	13	56	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	3,435	54	57	2,667	3,059
Colonies of bees	2,923	28	54	205	2,392
Horses and ponies	613	48	57	1,915	3,065
Llamas	522	7	50	41	2,112
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Vegetables harvested	18,627	16	56	34	2,710
Lettuce	11,749	5	45	6	654
All Berries	5,459	3	51	11	2,019
Apples	4,136	3	53	20	2,173
Spinach	1,131	6	33	8	377

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	119	Farming	489
\$1,000 to \$2,499	50	Other	265
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	77	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	58	Male	618
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	136
\$25,000 to \$39,999	45		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	69		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	57	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	50	White	1,066
\$500,000 or more	131	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	278,162	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Average per farm (\$)	366,002	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9
		Asian	111
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	110,744	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	145,716	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	197

(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.