



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Val Verde, Texas



### Number of farms

285 farms in 2002, 275 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Land in farms

1,661,161 acres in 2002, 1,769,448 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Average size of farm

5,829 acres in 2002, 6,434 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$10,905,000 in 2002, \$19,567,000 in 1997, down 44 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$691,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,214,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

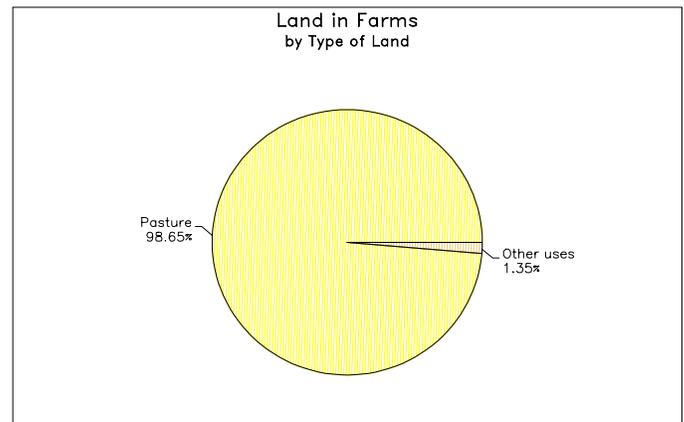
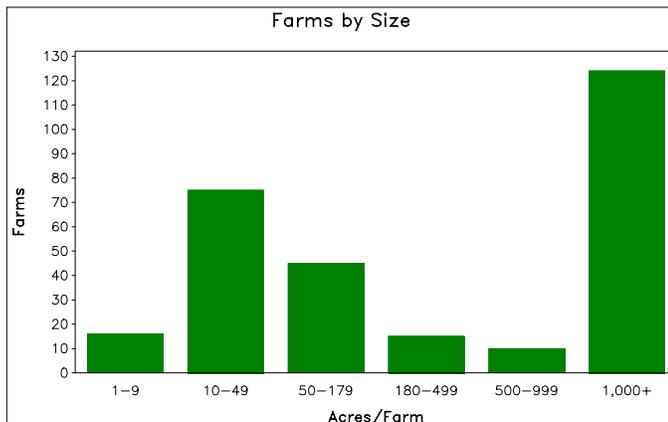
\$38,264 in 2002, \$71,153 in 1997, down 46 percent.

### Government Payments

\$959,000 in 2002, \$196,000 in 1997, up 389 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$23,963 in 2002, \$4,359 in 1997, up 450 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	10,905	199	254	2,468	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	691	222	252	2,831	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,214	163	254	1,871	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	199	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	241	103	178	1,731	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	401	170	250	2,089	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	179	223	2,571	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,365	201	254	1,629	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5,293	3	250	7	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	95	170	253	1,813	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Sheep and lambs	93,070	2	244	5	2,867
All Goats	53,301	3	253	3	2,971
Cattle and calves	15,234	208	254	1,729	3,059
Deer	1,092	40	170	56	1,080
Horses and ponies	935	136	254	1,375	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,166	228	253	2,711	3,059
All Wheat for grain	(D)	140	202	(D)	2,517
Pecans	(D)	155	222	(D)	1,194
Nursery stock	16	75	135	1,306	2,129
Grapes <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	141	(D)	1,830

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	99	Farming	165
\$1,000 to \$2,499	60	Other	120
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	16	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22	Male	258
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	27
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	27		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	White	415
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,405	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	47,036	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	896	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	3,145	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	95

(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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.