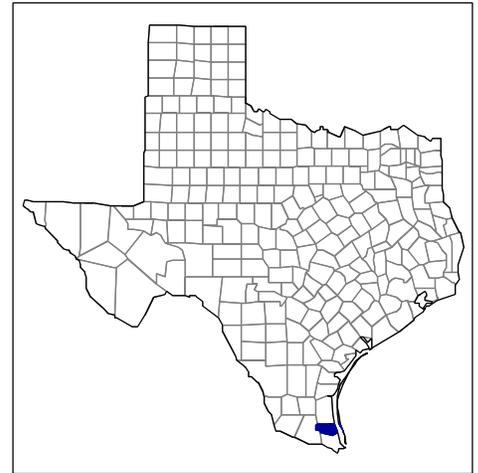


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Number of farms

334 farms in 2002, 280 farms in 1997, up 19 percent.

Land in farms

369,893 acres in 2002, 296,333 acres in 1997, up 25 percent.

Average size of farm

1,107 acres in 2002, 1,058 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$18,907,000 in 2002, \$51,131,000 in 1997, down 63 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,657,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,250,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

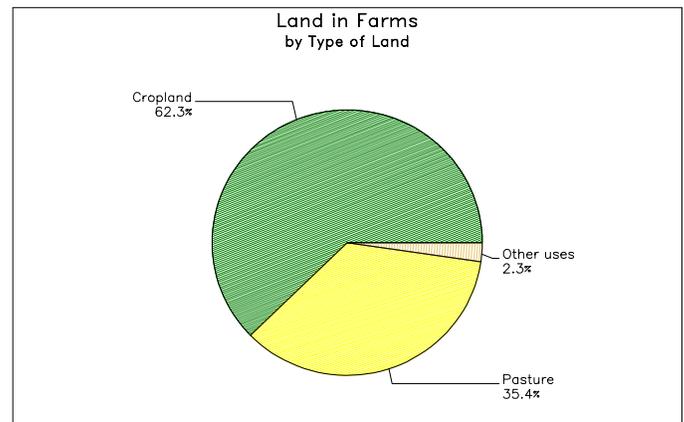
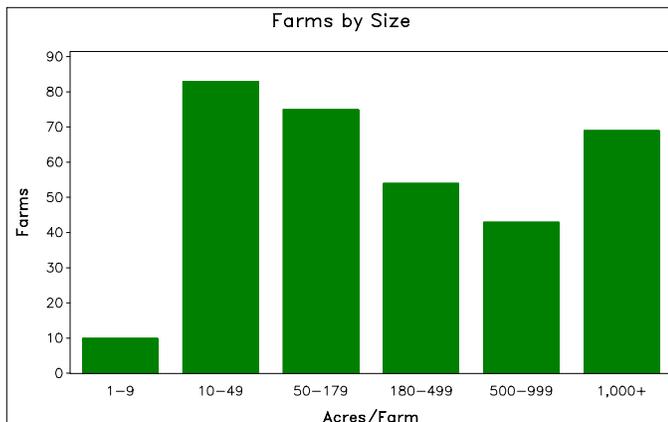
\$56,608 in 2002, \$182,612 in 1997, down 69 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,817,000 in 2002, \$3,724,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$19,296 in 2002, \$19,915 in 1997, down 3 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	18,907	159	254	2,139	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,657	71	252	1,399	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,250	216	254	2,417	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,444	47	235	1,140	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	2,961	61	162	238	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	235	91	199	1,300	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	264	51	224	780	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	4,753	15	250	256	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,236	203	254	1,655	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	6	222	250	2,532	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	6	250	253	2,964	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	208	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	15,590	207	254	1,708	3,059
Horses and ponies	502	191	254	2,157	3,065
All Goats	95	231	253	2,307	2,971
Hogs and pigs	72	181	238	2,465	2,926
Mules, burros, and donkeys	62	110	229	461	2,649
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sorghum for grain	77,835	4	194	6	1,307
All Cotton	14,933	57	165	213	663
Sugarcane for sugar	4,665	3	7	26	37
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,534	211	253	2,513	3,059
Corn for grain	3,356	77	166	1,418	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	94	Farming	226
\$1,000 to \$2,499	33	Other	108
\$2,500 to \$4,999	31		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31	Male	320
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	14
\$25,000 to \$39,999	29		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	25	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	White	461
\$500,000 or more	7	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,702	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	88,664	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-3,877	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-11,574	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	198

(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.