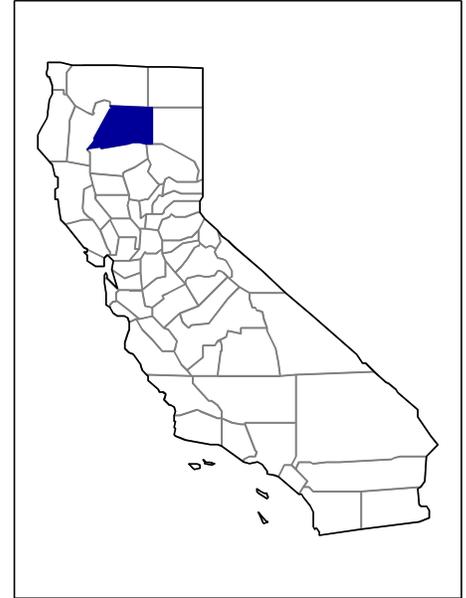


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Shasta, California



### Number of farms

1,126 farms in 2002, 1,108 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Land in farms

333,828 acres in 2002, 348,074 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

296 acres in 2002, 314 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$21,952,000 in 2002, \$32,414,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,343,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,609,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

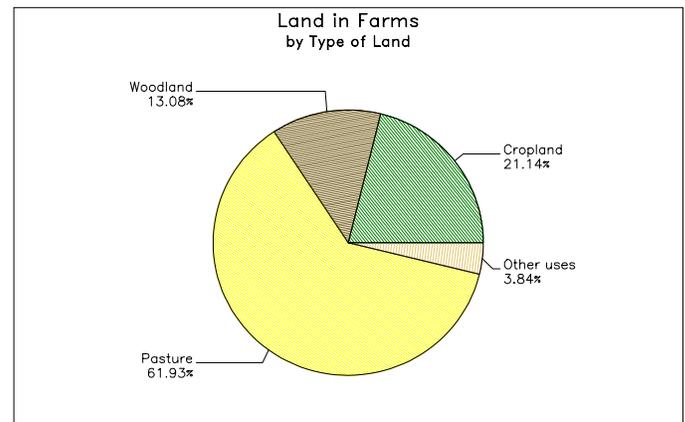
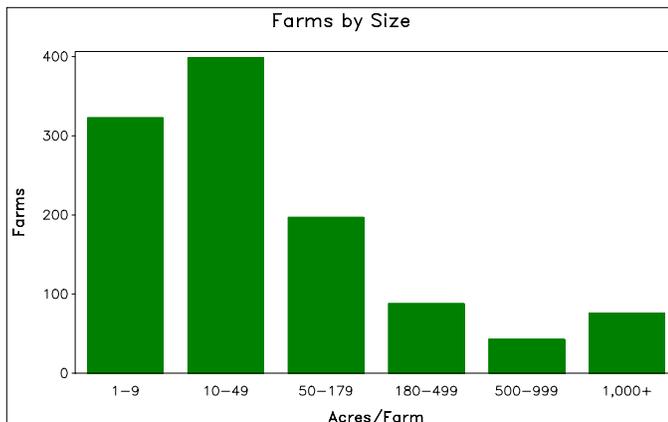
\$19,496 in 2002, \$29,254 in 1997, down 33 percent.

### Government Payments

\$268,000 in 2002, \$126,000 in 1997, up 113 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,268 in 2002, \$2,937 in 1997, up 11 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 58 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	21,952	45	58	2,012	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,343	46	58	1,780	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,609	29	58	1,621	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	229	35	48	2,200	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	243	44	56	1,280	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,090	42	55	239	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	873	44	55	1,149	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,364	2	43	42	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,543	23	57	341	3,046
Poultry and eggs	46	39	56	1,480	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,980	26	57	1,153	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,360	34	47	1,216	2,493
Hogs and pigs	42	32	53	1,765	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	110	40	56	751	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	720	16	56	214	3,014
Aquaculture	549	19	51	252	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2,802	6	54	33	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	28,405	27	57	1,109	3,059
Colonies of bees	23,536	8	54	11	2,392
Horses and ponies	2,322	21	57	370	3,065
Sheep and lambs	2,258	37	57	496	2,867
Quail <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	32	(D)	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,114	23	57	1,366	3,059
Wild rice	1,807	4	7	8	20
Cut Christmas trees	1,388	1	45	55	1,877
Mint for oil	607	3	5	33	87
English Walnuts	504	25	49	27	213

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	376	Farming	590
\$1,000 to \$2,499	194	Other	536
\$2,500 to \$4,999	122	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	130	Male	841
\$10,000 to \$19,999	108	Female	285
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	White	1,684
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	Black or African American	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33	American Indian or Alaska Native	28
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7
\$500,000 or more	4	Asian	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,715	More than one race	31
Average per farm (\$)	25,593	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	72
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,662		
Average per farm (\$)	-2,372		

(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.