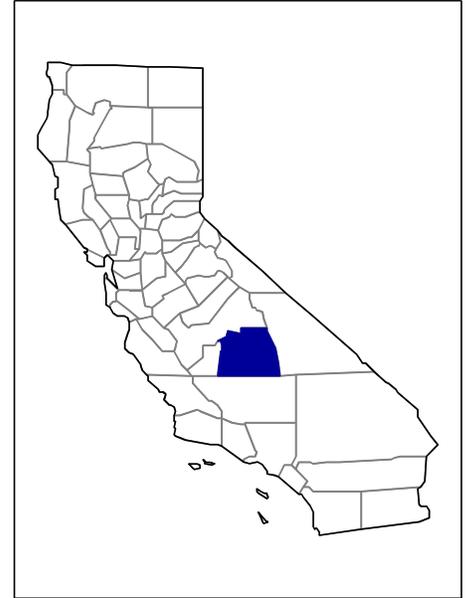




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Tulare, California



### Number of farms

5,738 farms in 2002, 6,223 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Land in farms

1,393,456 acres in 2002, 1,375,820 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

243 acres in 2002, 221 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$2,338,577,000 in 2002, \$1,942,152,000 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,194,237,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,144,340,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

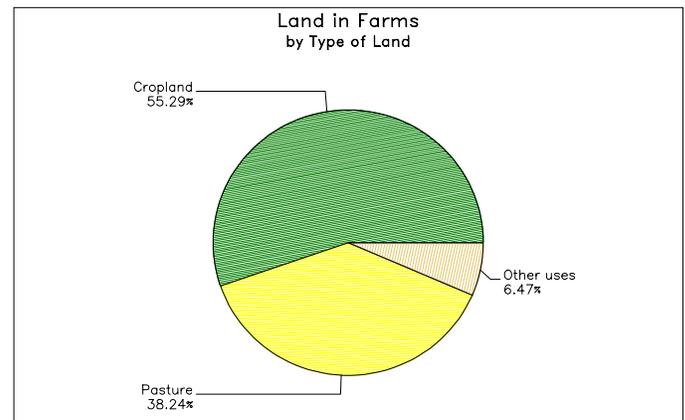
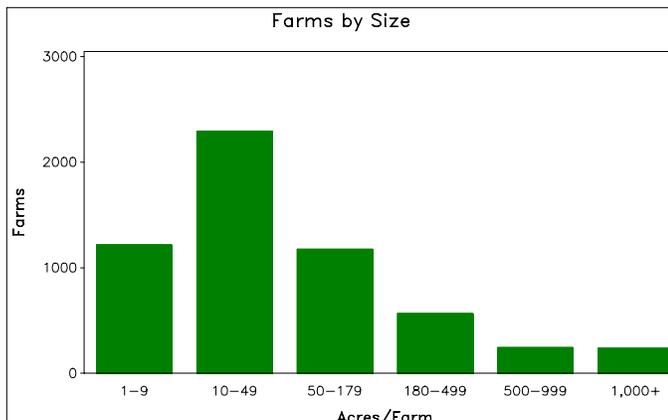
\$407,560 in 2002, \$312,093 in 1997, up 31 percent.

### Government Payments

\$12,816,000 in 2002, \$7,727,000 in 1997, up 66 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$24,318 in 2002, \$13,533 in 1997, up 80 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	2,338,577	2	58	2	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,194,237	4	58	4	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,144,340	1	58	1	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	56,576	5	48	178	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	45,454	5	17	13	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	22,138	22	56	95	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	933,069	3	55	3	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	74,501	14	55	33	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	42	29	43	697	1,774
Other crops and hay	62,458	4	57	12	3,046
Poultry and eggs	39,447	8	56	174	2,918
Cattle and calves	176,826	3	57	36	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	898,122	1	47	1	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	460	22	56	432	3,014
Aquaculture	82	33	51	613	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	10,268	1	54	7	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,057,193	4	50	189	2,599
Cattle and calves	900,124	1	57	1	3,059
Turkeys	238,136	7	48	98	2,328
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	54	(D)	2,926
Sheep and lambs	64,913	3	57	9	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	168,110	2	57	7	3,059
Corn for silage	116,752	1	33	1	2,307
Oranges	111,599	1	42	1	123
Grapes	63,379	5	52	5	1,830
All Cotton	58,946	4	17	57	663

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	742	Farming	3,813
\$1,000 to \$2,499	326	Other	1,925
\$2,500 to \$4,999	312		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	405	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	486	Male	5,196
\$20,000 to \$24,999	197	Female	542
\$25,000 to \$39,999	462		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	191	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	684		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	753	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	382	White	7,895
\$500,000 or more	798	Black or African American	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,924,877	American Indian or Alaska Native	122
Average per farm (\$)	335,754	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	18
		Asian	289
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	471,279	More than one race	62
Average per farm (\$)	82,205	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1,170

(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.