

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Bee, Texas



Number of farms

866 farms in 2002, 801 farms in 1997, up 8 percent.

Land in farms

509,544 acres in 2002, 424,630 acres in 1997, up 20 percent.

Average size of farm

588 acres in 2002, 530 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$19,471,000 in 2002, \$27,918,000 in 1997, down 30 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,438,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,034,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

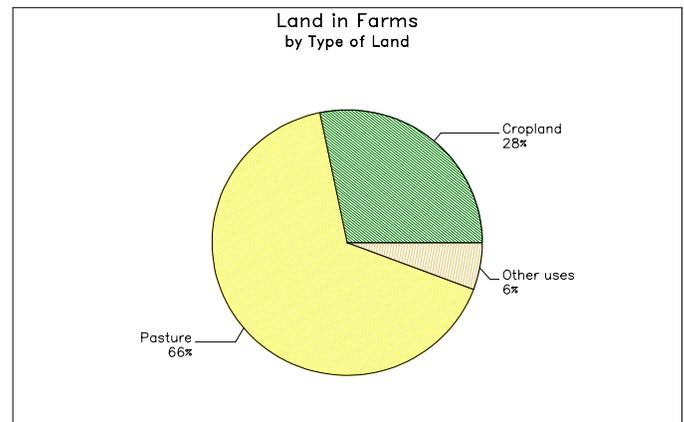
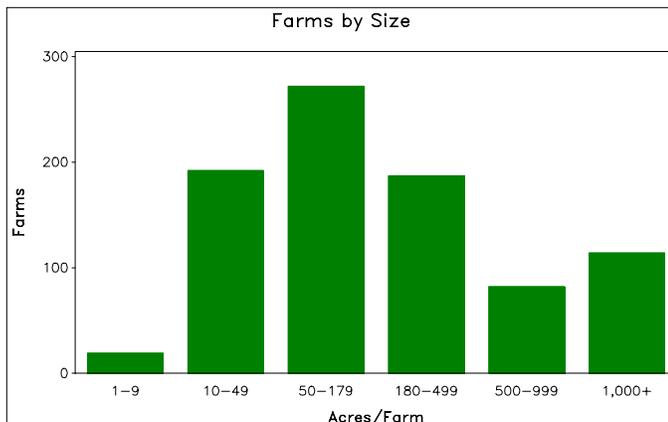
\$22,484 in 2002, \$34,853 in 1997, down 35 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,064,000 in 2002, \$1,044,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,489 in 2002, \$6,368 in 1997, up 2 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	19,471	156	254	2,113	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,438	111	252	1,849	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,034	150	254	1,725	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,805	71	235	1,338	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	3,045	60	162	237	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	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	576	144	250	1,775	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	155	223	2,226	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,757	124	254	871	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	177	235	2,493	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	106	90	250	779	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	137	147	253	1,473	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	24	128	208	1,444	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	49,950	113	254	574	3,059
All Goats	2,344	84	253	148	2,971
Horses and ponies	1,391	93	254	849	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	793	119	237	1,563	2,983
Sheep and lambs	670	98	244	1,247	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	21,641	25	166	791	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,433	99	253	1,180	3,059
Sorghum for grain	16,365	44	194	129	1,307
All Cotton	10,082	65	165	260	663
All Wheat for grain	995	137	202	1,543	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	237	Farming	495
\$1,000 to \$2,499	162	Other	371
\$2,500 to \$4,999	124		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	97	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	83	Male	791
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34	Female	75
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	White	1,167
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	23
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,468	American Indian or Alaska Native	10
Average per farm (\$)	25,885	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,783	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	2,054	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	199

(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.