



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Brazoria, Texas



Number of farms

2,455 farms in 2002, 2,271 farms in 1997, up 8 percent.

Land in farms

613,891 acres in 2002, 589,249 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

250 acres in 2002, 259 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$47,422,000 in 2002, \$44,157,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$24,824,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$22,599,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

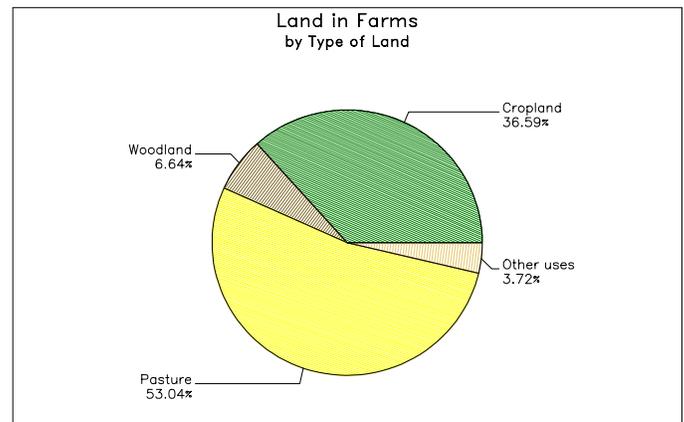
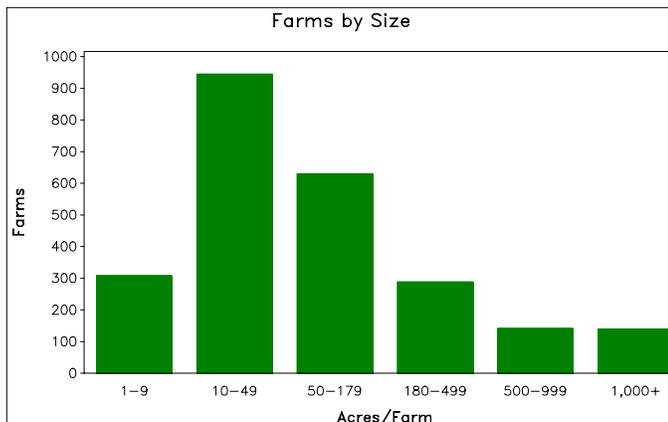
\$19,317 in 2002, \$19,444 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,163,000 in 2002, \$1,770,000 in 1997, up 79 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$21,371 in 2002, \$14,048 in 1997, up 52 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 | 47,422 | 73 | 254 | 1,235 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 24,824 | 45 | 252 | 1,009 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 22,599 | 102 | 254 | 1,194 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 10,225 | 32 | 235 | 992 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 1,752 | 75 | 162 | 299 | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 2,997 | 25 | 199 | 429 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 224 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 8,303 | 23 | 178 | 309 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 79 | (D) | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,300 | 76 | 250 | 1,001 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 2,290 | 41 | 223 | 799 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 16,789 | 95 | 254 | 631 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | - | - | 157 | - | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 694 | 10 | 235 | 961 | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | (D) | (D) | 250 | (D) | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 817 | 28 | 253 | 176 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | 679 | 6 | 110 | 223 | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 208 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 152,763 | 16 | 237 | 328 | 2,983 |
| Cattle and calves | 91,879 | 37 | 254 | 165 | 3,059 |
| Ducks | (D) | 1 | 201 | (D) | 2,630 |
| Colonies of bees | (D) | 3 | 160 | (D) | 2,392 |
| Horses and ponies | 4,496 | 14 | 254 | 76 | 3,065 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 27,907 | 68 | 253 | 797 | 3,059 |
| Sorghum for grain | 15,239 | 48 | 194 | 140 | 1,307 |
| Rice | 13,066 | 6 | 21 | 58 | 150 |
| All Cotton | 8,697 | 69 | 165 | 270 | 663 |
| Corn for grain | 8,101 | 52 | 166 | 1,119 | 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 | 754 | Farming | 1,182 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 533 | Other | 1,273 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 360 | | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 331 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 164 | Male | 2,157 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 39 | Female | 298 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 73 | | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 30 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 53.9 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 88 | | |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 52 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 18 | White | 3,380 |
| \$500,000 or more | 13 | Black or African American | 199 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 52,909 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 33 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 21,543 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| | | Asian | 15 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | -712 | More than one race | 12 |
| Average per farm (\$) | -290 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 167 |

(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.