

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Cass, Texas



Number of farms

956 farms in 2002, 998 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

193,244 acres in 2002, 180,506 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

202 acres in 2002, 181 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$32,268,000 in 2002, \$23,846,000 in 1997, up 35 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,169,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$29,098,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

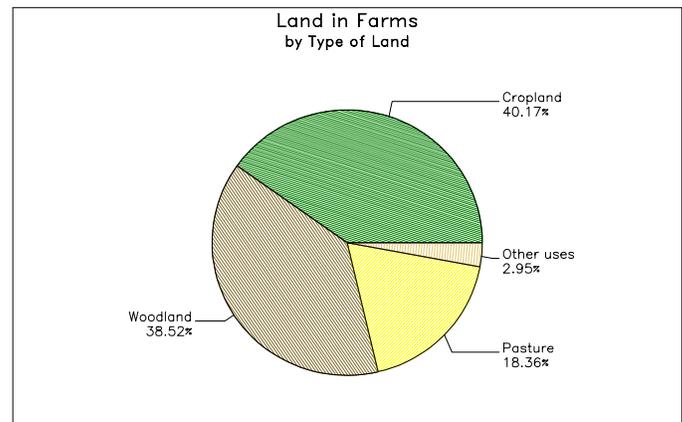
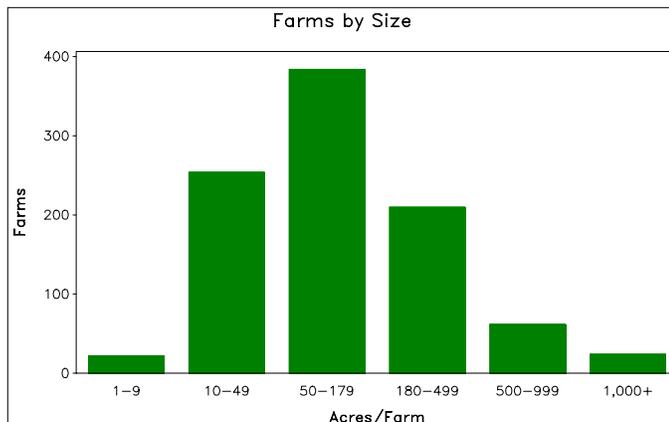
\$33,753 in 2002, \$23,894 in 1997, up 41 percent.

Government Payments

\$126,000 in 2002, \$30,000 in 1997, up 320 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,660 in 2002, \$2,134 in 1997, up 353 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 | 32,268 | 119 | 254 | 1,631 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 3,169 | 164 | 252 | 2,317 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 29,098 | 79 | 254 | 965 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | (D) | (D) | 235 | (D) | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 162 | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 212 | 96 | 199 | 1,351 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 224 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 1,651 | 46 | 178 | 887 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 365 | 4 | 79 | 158 | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 848 | 112 | 250 | 1,400 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 22,756 | 14 | 223 | 278 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 5,767 | 188 | 254 | 1,412 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | (D) | (D) | 157 | (D) | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 235 | (D) | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 14 | 197 | 250 | 2,113 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 284 | 89 | 253 | 781 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | (D) | 110 | (D) | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 208 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 1,543,718 | 11 | 192 | 229 | 2,599 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 69,519 | 28 | 237 | 456 | 2,983 |
| Cattle and calves | 29,534 | 160 | 254 | 1,079 | 3,059 |
| Quail | (D) | 31 | 135 | (D) | 1,412 |
| Horses and ponies | 1,931 | 62 | 254 | 523 | 3,065 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 28,950 | 64 | 253 | 761 | 3,059 |
| Short-rotation woody crops | 2,502 | 5 | 80 | 14 | 1,262 |
| All Field and grass seed crops | 360 | 6 | 82 | 272 | 1,293 |
| Cut Christmas trees | 192 | 4 | 73 | 410 | 1,877 |
| All Vegetables harvested | 153 | 80 | 202 | 1,065 | 2,710 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 293 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 135 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 138 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 157 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 109 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 18 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 27 |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 8 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 21 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 13 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 17 |
| \$500,000 or more | 20 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 25,534 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 26,515 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 14,035 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 14,575 |

| Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Farming | 504 |
| Other | 452 |
| Principal operators by sex: | |
| Male | 890 |
| Female | 66 |
| Average age of principal operator (years) | 57.2 |
| All operators ² by race: | |
| White | 1,229 |
| Black or African American | 107 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 6 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| Asian | - |
| More than one race | 4 |
| All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 19 |

(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.