



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Fort Bend, Texas



Number of farms

1,560 farms in 2002, 1,588 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

415,251 acres in 2002, 445,691 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm

266 acres in 2002, 281 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$49,851,000 in 2002, \$78,863,000 in 1997, down 37 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$36,536,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,315,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

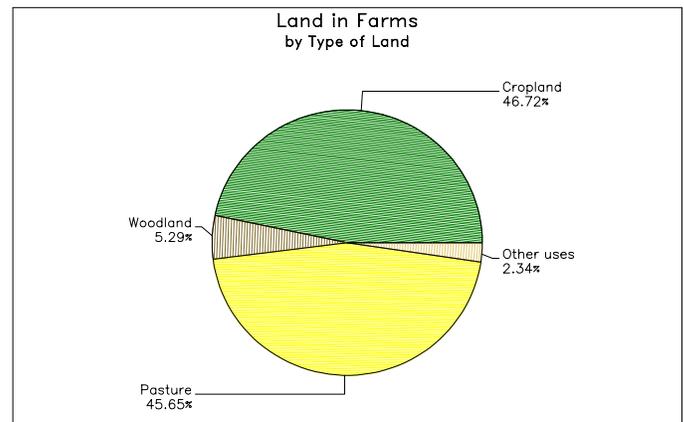
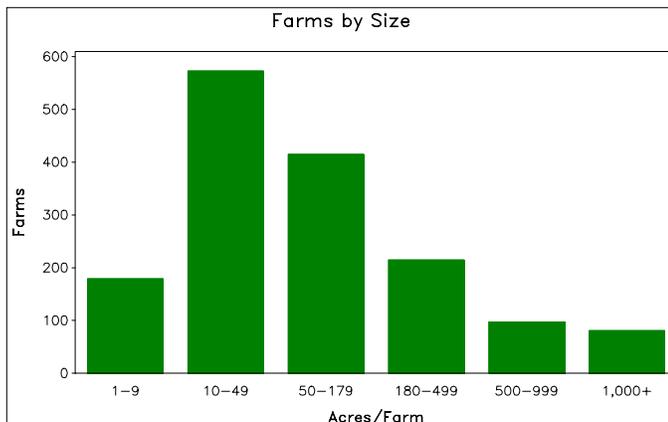
\$31,956 in 2002, \$49,662 in 1997, down 36 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,211,000 in 2002, \$2,262,000 in 1997, up 86 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,892 in 2002, \$6,463 in 1997, up 146 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service**

Fort Bend, Texas

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	49,851	68	254	1,175	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	36,536	29	252	711	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,315	142	254	1,642	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	9,571	34	235	1,012	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	14,531	21	162	69	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	663	60	199	899	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	10,715	17	178	242	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	746	123	250	1,536	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,772	123	254	870	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	194	30	235	1,274	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	49	128	250	1,286	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,093	18	253	114	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	176	55	208	651	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	54,592	94	254	490	3,059
Horses and ponies	3,400	24	254	151	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,537	82	237	1,112	2,983
Quail	1,382	39	135	330	1,412
Hogs and pigs	1,367	27	238	1,245	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	54,654	30	165	63	663
Sorghum for grain	29,300	25	194	70	1,307
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,921	103	253	1,207	3,059
Corn for grain	12,775	38	166	959	2,592
Rice	10,998	8	21	63	150

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	410	Farming	830
\$1,000 to \$2,499	265	Other	730
\$2,500 to \$4,999	230		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	219	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	126	Male	1,337
\$20,000 to \$24,999	33	Female	223
\$25,000 to \$39,999	73		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	28	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	66		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	67	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	White	2,098
\$500,000 or more	12	Black or African American	149
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,722	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	33,753	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,745	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	1,117	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	95

(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.