



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Harris, Texas



Number of farms

2,452 farms in 2002, 2,211 farms in 1997, up 11 percent.

Land in farms

304,868 acres in 2002, 328,697 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm

124 acres in 2002, 149 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$52,878,000 in 2002, \$45,147,000 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$34,999,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,879,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

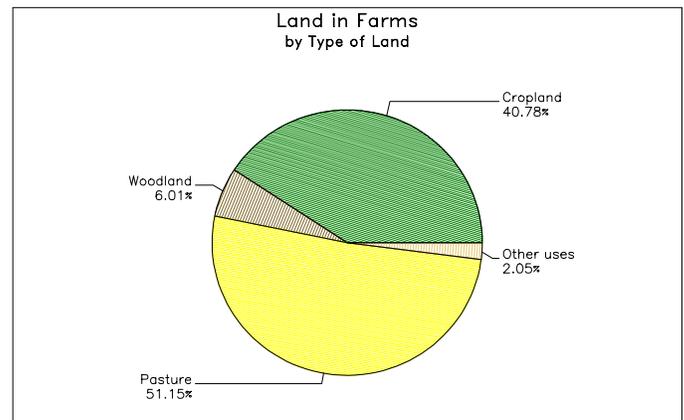
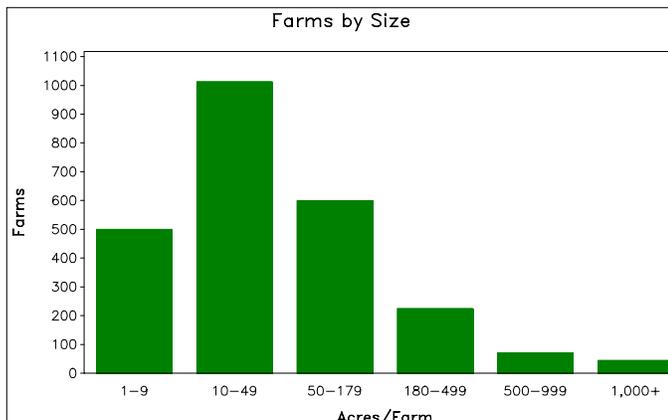
\$21,565 in 2002, \$20,419 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,387,000 in 2002, \$796,000 in 1997, up 74 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,406 in 2002, \$9,949 in 1997, up 55 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	52,878	62	254	1,085	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	34,999	31	252	745	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,879	121	254	1,393	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,446	109	235	1,671	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	162	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,528	34	199	624	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	244	57	224	805	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	30,195	7	178	98	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,356	74	250	970	3,046
Poultry and eggs	175	59	223	1,219	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,241	144	254	1,044	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,161	56	157	1,289	2,493
Hogs and pigs	40	82	235	1,774	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,329	5	253	44	3,014
Aquaculture	224	14	110	412	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	53,148	100	254	514	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	10,480	44	237	744	2,983
Horses and ponies	6,093	5	254	25	3,065
All Goats	4,739	47	253	59	2,971
Colonies of bees	(D)	16	160	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,340	73	253	845	3,059
Sod harvested	5,749	2	38	7	740
Corn for grain	4,884	67	166	1,285	2,592
Sorghum for grain	1,583	122	194	403	1,307
Rice	1,484	15	21	101	150

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	845
\$1,000 to \$2,499	515
\$2,500 to \$4,999	354
\$5,000 to \$9,999	289
\$10,000 to \$19,999	189
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	87
\$40,000 to \$49,999	34
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20
\$500,000 or more	16
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	61,992
Average per farm (\$)	25,272
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,316
Average per farm (\$)	-944

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,106
Other	1,346
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	2,025
Female	427
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	3,400
Black or African American	208
American Indian or Alaska Native	16
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	26
More than one race	19
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	215

(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.