



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Lamar, Texas



### Number of farms

1,725 farms in 2002, 1,791 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Land in farms

470,216 acres in 2002, 444,224 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Average size of farm

273 acres in 2002, 248 acres in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$38,985,000 in 2002, \$36,961,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,776,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$27,209,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

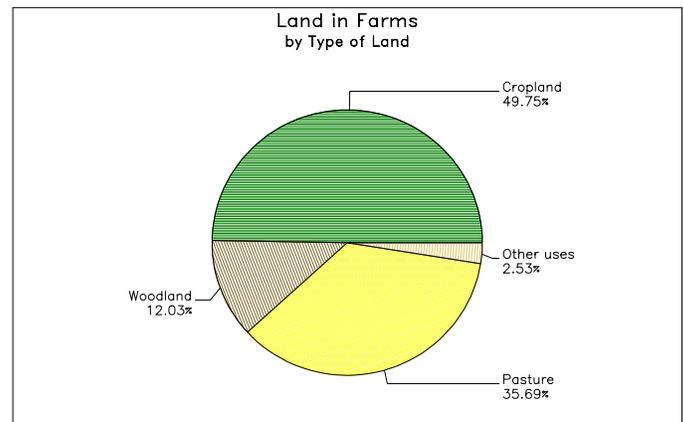
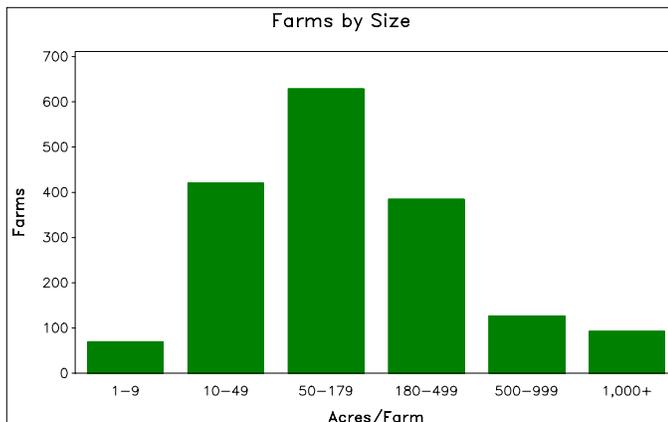
\$22,600 in 2002, \$20,637 in 1997, up 10 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,754,000 in 2002, \$2,163,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,332 in 2002, \$6,271 in 1997, up 1 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 254 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	38,985	101	254	1,461	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,776	83	252	1,543	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	27,209	86	254	1,021	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,548	36	235	1,052	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	385	101	162	442	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	252	55	224	796	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	747	69	178	1,229	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,701	54	250	763	3,046
Poultry and eggs	49	85	223	1,469	2,918
Cattle and calves	22,323	67	254	444	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,533	33	157	762	2,493
Hogs and pigs	103	45	235	1,444	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	40	139	250	1,419	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	652	35	253	247	3,014
Aquaculture	187	18	110	452	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	322	30	208	404	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	95,251	33	254	147	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,975	30	254	213	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,048	71	237	996	2,983
All Goats	1,441	113	253	287	2,971
Colonies of bees	(D)	19	160	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	75,893	3	253	94	3,059
Corn for grain	21,559	26	166	792	2,592
All Wheat for grain	20,506	48	202	456	2,517
Soybeans	15,458	2	98	921	2,076
Sorghum for grain	3,218	99	194	304	1,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	464	Farming	940
\$1,000 to \$2,499	229	Other	785
\$2,500 to \$4,999	247		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	272	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	210	Male	1,562
\$20,000 to \$24,999	41	Female	163
\$25,000 to \$39,999	91		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	63		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	46	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	White	2,358
\$500,000 or more	11	Black or African American	44
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,498	American Indian or Alaska Native	26
Average per farm (\$)	24,665	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	189	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	110	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	50

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.