



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Liberty, Texas



Number of farms

1,596 farms in 2002, 1,420 farms in 1997, up 12 percent.

Land in farms

304,574 acres in 2002, 315,828 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

191 acres in 2002, 222 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$20,938,000 in 2002, \$24,553,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,255,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,684,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

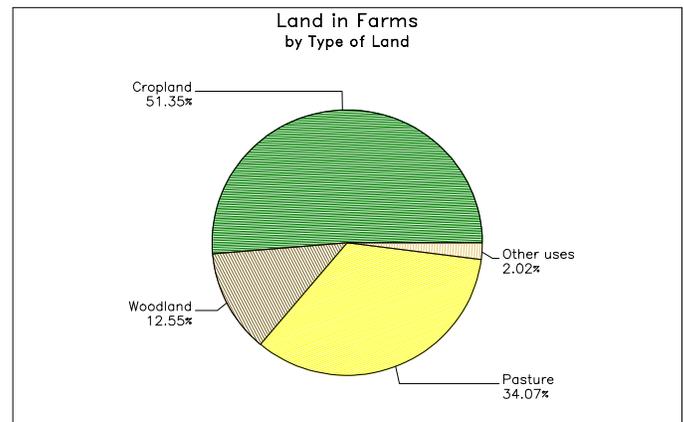
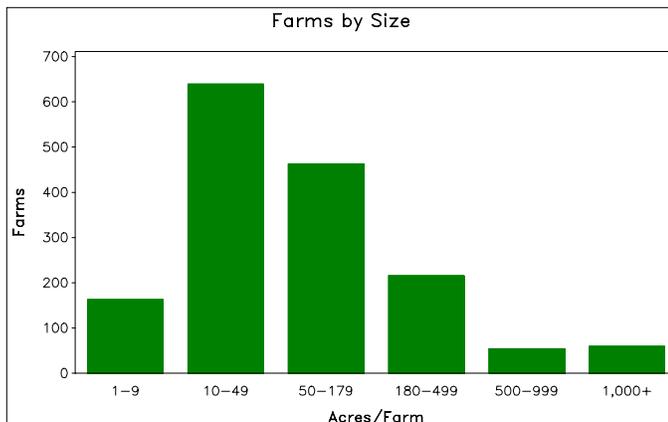
\$13,119 in 2002, \$17,291 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,151,000 in 2002, \$1,680,000 in 1997, up 88 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$35,012 in 2002, \$17,499 in 1997, up 100 percent.



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

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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	20,938	151	254	2,061	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,255	91	252	1,575	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,684	167	254	1,909	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7,024	43	235	1,111	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	366	75	199	1,106	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	52	139	224	1,572	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,134	42	178	770	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	59	34	79	584	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,620	58	250	803	3,046
Poultry and eggs	25	99	223	1,642	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,544	164	254	1,204	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	89	102	250	881	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	468	50	253	421	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1,542	3	208	62	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	49,165	117	254	586	3,059
Colonies of bees	17,136	1	160	18	2,392
Horses and ponies	3,166	29	254	186	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,064	70	237	990	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,830	35	192	773	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	33,406	50	253	633	3,059
Corn for grain	10,698	47	166	1,033	2,592
Sorghum for grain	10,602	63	194	170	1,307
Rice	8,812	9	21	66	150
Soybeans	4,413	16	98	1,224	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	524	Farming	747
\$1,000 to \$2,499	327	Other	849
\$2,500 to \$4,999	244		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	218	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	134	Male	1,429
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Female	167
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	29	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	White	2,124
\$500,000 or more	7	Black or African American	146
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,525	American Indian or Alaska Native	13
Average per farm (\$)	20,979	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-4,525	More than one race	14
Average per farm (\$)	-2,832	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	81

(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.