



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Rusk, Texas

### Number of farms

1,391 farms in 2002, 1,532 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

272,436 acres in 2002, 282,848 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

196 acres in 2002, 185 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$39,348,000 in 2002, \$29,796,000 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$13,975,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,374,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

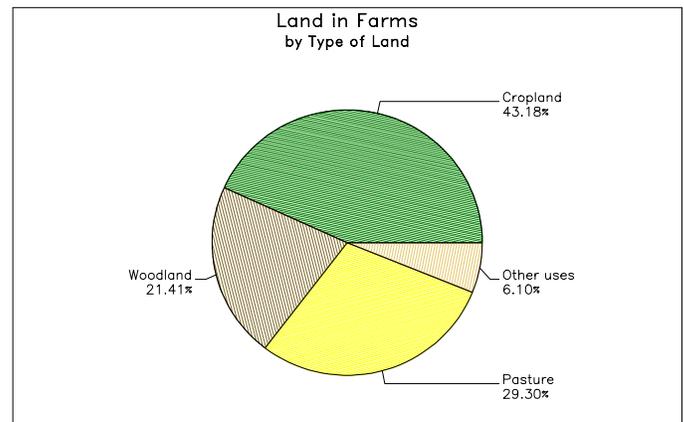
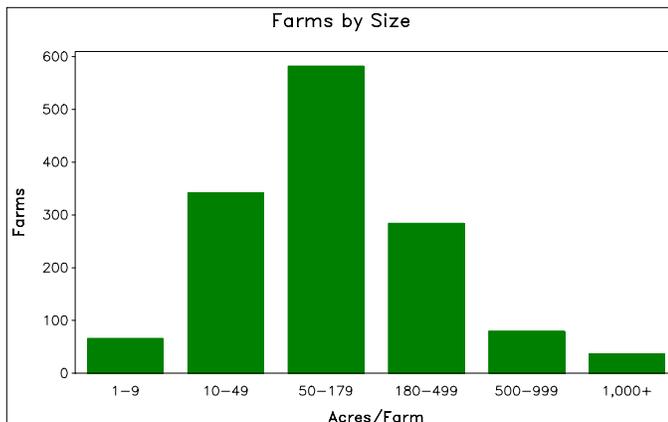
\$28,288 in 2002, \$19,449 in 1997, up 45 percent.

### Government Payments

\$62,000 in 2002, \$224,000 in 1997, down 72 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,488 in 2002, \$3,117 in 1997, down 52 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	39,348	98	254	1,450	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,975	74	252	1,436	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,374	92	254	1,089	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4	228	235	2,807	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	469	69	199	1,024	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	95	117	224	1,278	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	140	15	79	342	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	12,081	23	223	406	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,325	129	254	899	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,360	52	157	1,216	2,493
Hogs and pigs	40	81	235	1,771	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	51	125	250	1,250	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	446	53	253	451	3,014
Aquaculture	43	27	110	723	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	27	122	208	1,393	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,102,009	17	192	275	2,599
Cattle and calves	52,745	103	254	522	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	32	237	(D)	2,983
Quail	(D)	5	135	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	2,125	53	254	430	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	31,873	55	253	672	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	645	15	80	80	1,262
All Vegetables harvested	398	50	202	714	2,710
Watermelons	222	33	173	153	1,753
Southern peas	93	13	96	59	625

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	354	Farming	734
\$1,000 to \$2,499	218	Other	657
\$2,500 to \$4,999	242	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	209	Male	1,225
\$10,000 to \$19,999	180	Female	166
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	White	1,782
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39	Black or African American	148
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	13	Asian	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	36,520	More than one race	18
Average per farm (\$)	26,217	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	40
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,273		
Average per farm (\$)	8,811		

(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.