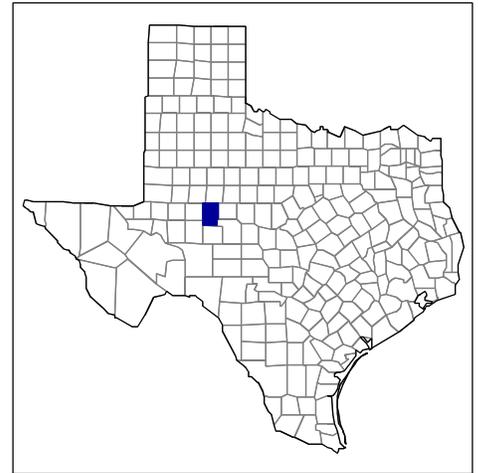


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Number of farms

66 farms in 2002, 74 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

633,007 acres in 2002, 704,753 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Average size of farm

9,591 acres in 2002, 9,524 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$5,788,000 in 2002, \$8,539,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$58,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,730,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

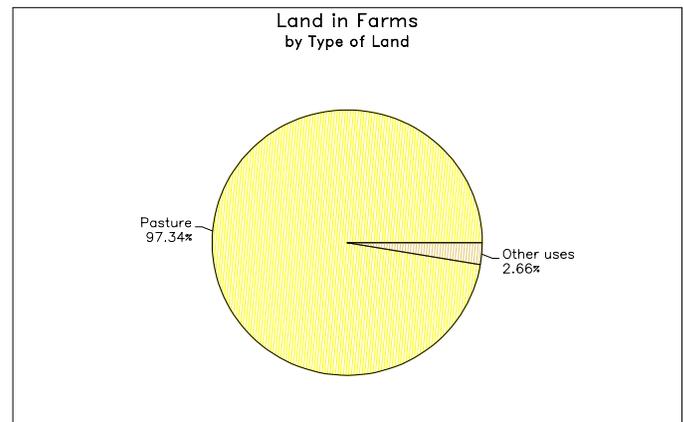
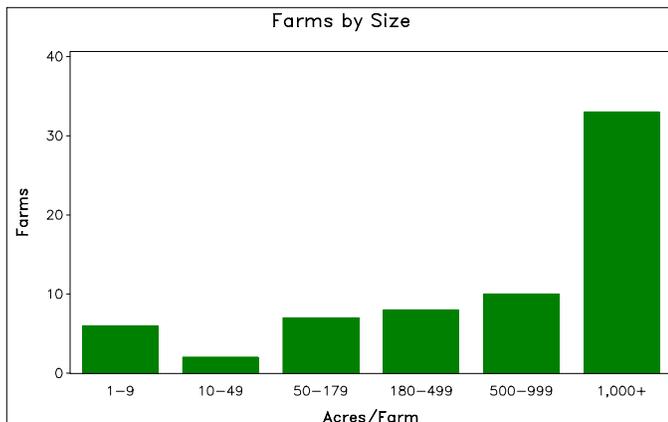
\$87,703 in 2002, \$115,391 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Government Payments

\$562,000 in 2002, \$53,000 in 1997, up 960 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$29,586 in 2002, \$5,266 in 1997, up 462 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	5,788	228	254	2,727	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	58	249	252	3,042	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,730	206	254	2,260	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11	219	235	2,729	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	162	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	199	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	178	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	223	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,637	213	254	1,766	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	235	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2,059	14	250	44	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	35	214	253	2,535	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	208	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Sheep and lambs	26,147	11	244	39	2,867
Cattle and calves	8,922	229	254	2,144	3,059
All Goats	3,315	65	253	93	2,971
Horses and ponies	246	239	254	2,726	3,065
Bison	51	23	117	593	1,321
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Wheat for grain	345	161	202	1,900	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	318	247	253	2,978	3,059
All Cotton	(D)	141	165	(D)	663
Pecans	12	205	222	793	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	18	Farming	46
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9	Other	20
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	3	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5	Male	58
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	97
\$500,000 or more	4	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,733	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	100,495	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	442	Asian	-
Average per farm (\$)	6,597	More than one race	-
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.