



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Cherokee, Texas



Number of farms

1,508 farms in 2002, 1,642 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

286,306 acres in 2002, 291,795 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

190 acres in 2002, 178 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$123,180,000 in 2002, \$103,701,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$86,332,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$36,848,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

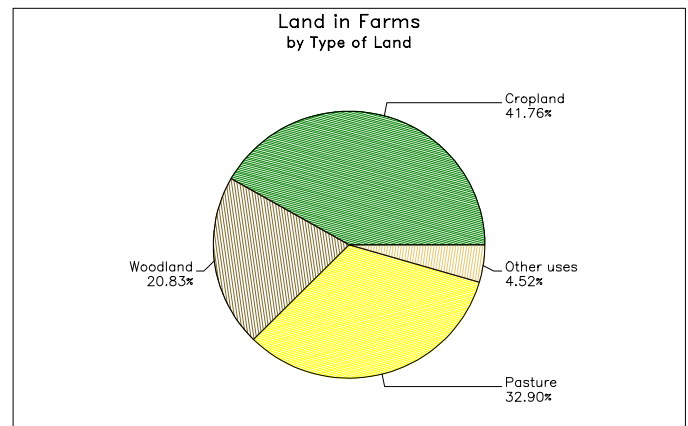
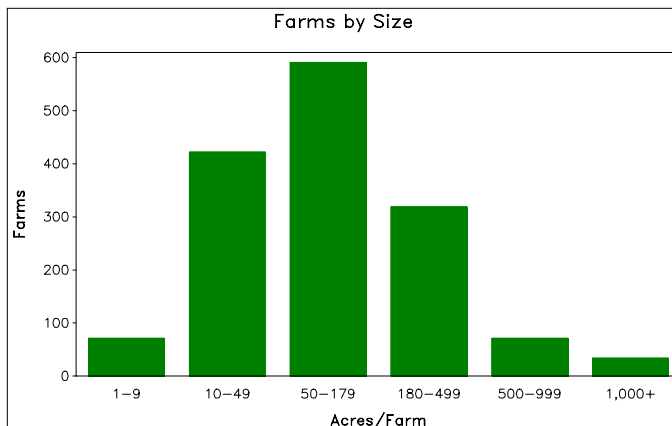
\$81,684 in 2002, \$63,155 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Government Payments

\$211,000 in 2002, \$748,000 in 1997, down 72 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,061 in 2002, \$7,706 in 1997, up 95 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	123,180	25	254	357	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	86,332	7	252	178	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	36,848	62	254	791	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7	220	235	2,755	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	822	52	199	824	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	176	74	224	970	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	83,918	1	178	30	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	386	3	79	147	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,023	95	250	1,219	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13,769	21	223	377	2,918
Cattle and calves	15,132	99	254	691	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	7,455	19	157	475	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16	122	235	2,126	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	35	154	250	1,526	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	430	58	253	483	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,179,199	16	192	261	2,599
Cattle and calves	70,865	65	254	300	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	35	237	(D)	2,983
Horses and ponies	2,138	50	254	423	3,065
All Goats	1,743	98	253	222	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	46,098	27	253	366	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	4,351	1	80	5	1,262
All Vegetables harvested	763	33	202	513	2,710
Southern peas	297	6	96	23	625
Peaches	174	9	155	93	1,773

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	413	Farming	775
\$1,000 to \$2,499	233	Other	733
\$2,500 to \$4,999	216		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	204	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	178	Male	1,360
\$20,000 to \$24,999	42	Female	148
\$25,000 to \$39,999	61		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	40	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	White	1,999
\$500,000 or more	30	Black or African American	106
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	97,013	American Indian or Alaska Native	15
Average per farm (\$)	64,289	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	27,410	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	18,165	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	75

(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.