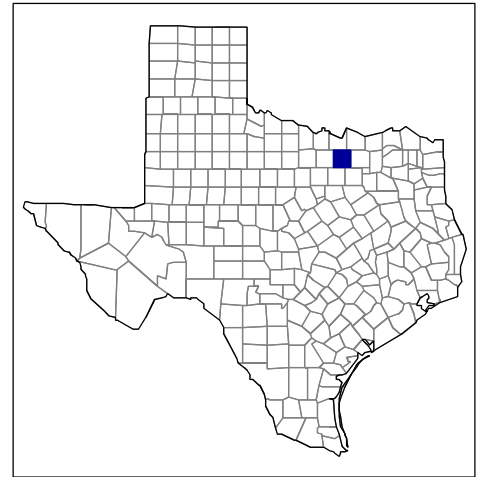


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Number of farms

2,358 farms in 2002, 2,236 farms in 1997, up 5 percent.

Land in farms

349,093 acres in 2002, 378,379 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

148 acres in 2002, 169 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$49,102,000 in 2002, \$55,107,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,764,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$37,338,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

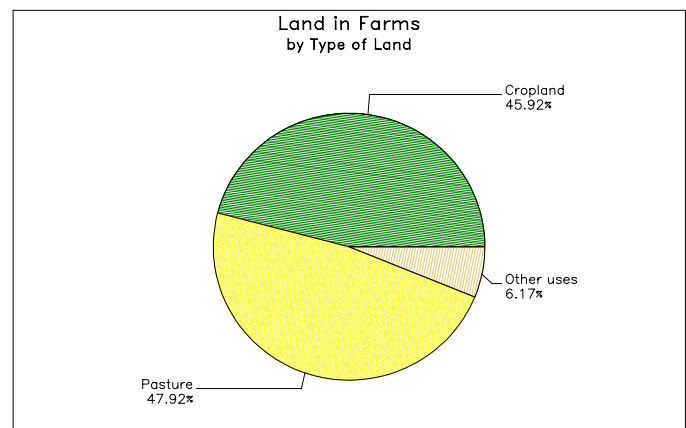
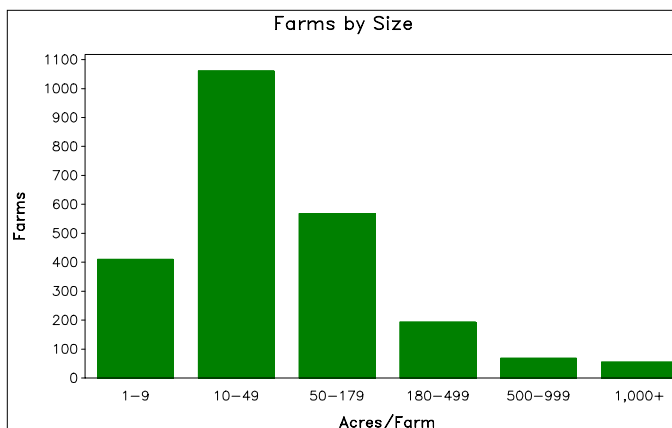
\$20,824 in 2002, \$24,645 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Government Payments

\$893,000 in 2002, \$1,025,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,381 in 2002, \$4,307 in 1997, up 25 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	49,102	69	254	1,193	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,764	84	252	1,545	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	37,338	61	254	784	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,126	57	235	1,225	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	199	119	162	500	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	281	82	199	1,213	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	264	52	224	781	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	12	55	79	1,109	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	13,014	117	254	801	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	22	109	235	2,017	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	145	71	250	596	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	253	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	135	69	208	746	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	6	237	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	53,397	99	254	508	3,059
Quail	(D)	16	135	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	9,517	1	254	8	3,065
Colonies of bees	(D)	8	160	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	45,462	28	253	379	3,059
All Wheat for grain	29,616	33	202	364	2,517
Sorghum for grain	11,172	61	194	165	1,307
Oats	1,577	22	173	333	2,215
Corn for grain	1,553	91	166	1,652	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	789
\$1,000 to \$2,499	514
\$2,500 to \$4,999	355
\$5,000 to \$9,999	269
\$10,000 to \$19,999	199
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35
\$25,000 to \$39,999	68
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58
\$100,000 to \$249,999	40
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9
\$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	62,791
Average per farm (\$)	26,640
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-11,661
Average per farm (\$)	-4,947

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,092
Other	1,266
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,938
Female	420
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	3,524
Black or African American	23
American Indian or Alaska Native	30
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
Asian	6
More than one race	18
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	87

(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.