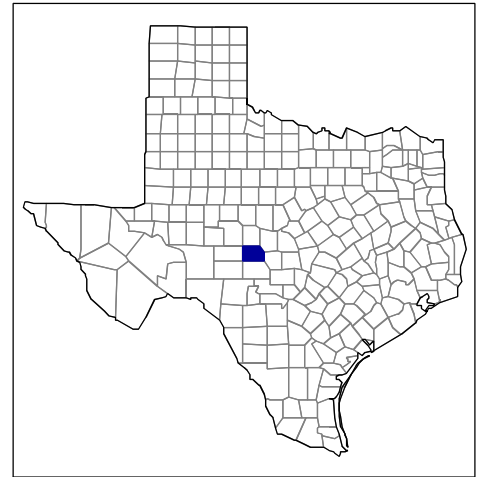


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Menard, Texas



### Number of farms

336 farms in 2002, 339 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Land in farms

548,838 acres in 2002, 521,056 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Average size of farm

1,633 acres in 2002, 1,537 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$7,425,000 in 2002, \$13,261,000 in 1997, down 44 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$777,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,648,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

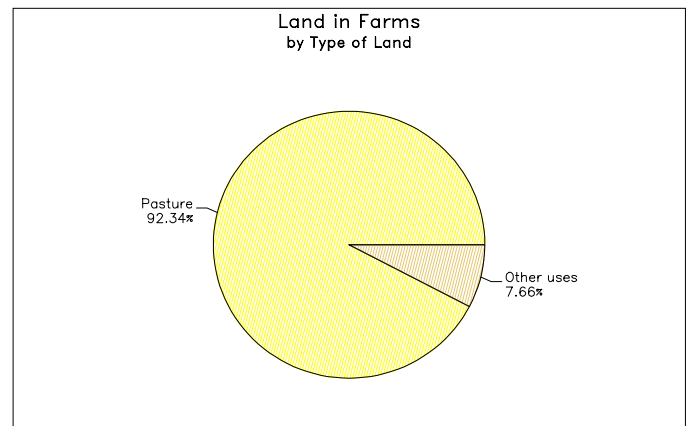
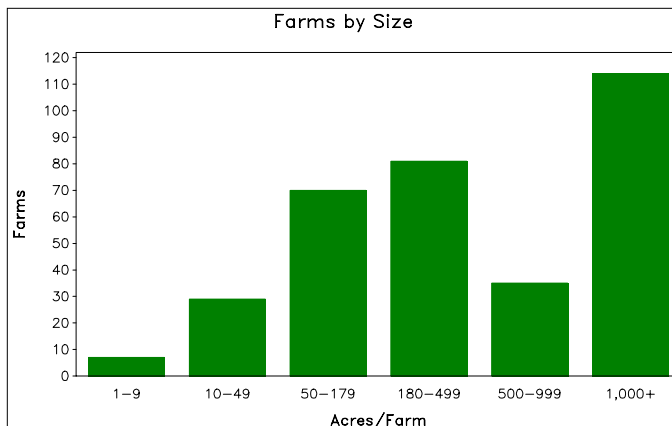
\$22,099 in 2002, \$39,118 in 1997, down 44 percent.

### Government Payments

\$943,000 in 2002, \$240,000 in 1997, up 293 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,127 in 2002, \$3,293 in 1997, up 147 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	7,425	217	254	2,625	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	777	219	252	2,808	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,648	194	254	2,168	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	221	171	235	2,211	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	364	43	224	645	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	3,709	211	254	1,753	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	235	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2,722	10	250	30	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	253	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	187	53	208	628	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Sheep and lambs	36,932	8	244	26	2,867
All Goats	30,492	11	253	11	2,971
Cattle and calves	14,073	213	254	1,787	3,059
Deer	1,144	38	170	54	1,080
Horses and ponies	435	206	254	2,298	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Wheat for grain	3,055	113	202	1,117	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,765	224	253	2,627	3,059
Pecans	(D)	47	222	(D)	1,194
Grapes	(D)	3	141	(D)	1,830
All Cotton	(D)	145	165	(D)	663

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	69	Farming	218
\$1,000 to \$2,499	53	Other	118
\$2,500 to \$4,999	37		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	47	Male	283
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	53
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	480
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,572	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	28,574	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-284	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	-849	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	16

(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.