

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Mitchell, Texas

Number of farms

451 farms in 2002, 443 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

Land in farms

487,922 acres in 2002, 555,444 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

1,082 acres in 2002, 1,254 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$12,344,000 in 2002, \$21,199,000 in 1997, down 42 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,062,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,283,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

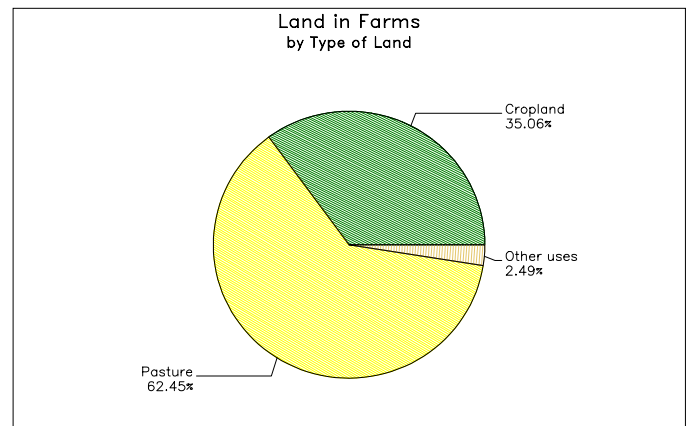
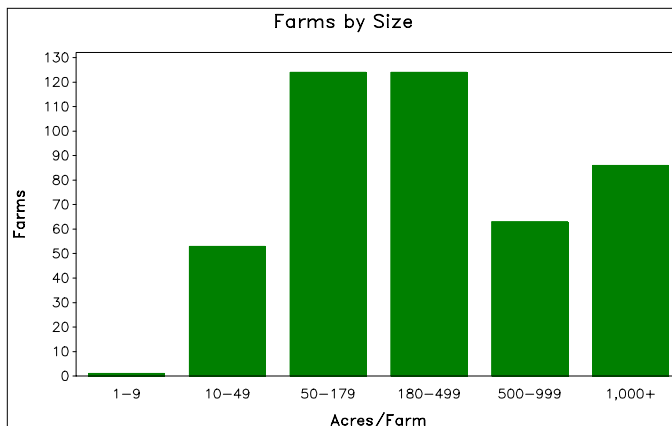
\$27,371 in 2002, \$47,852 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,367,000 in 2002, \$3,002,000 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,655 in 2002, \$10,608 in 1997, up slightly.



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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	12,344	191	254	2,392	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,062	116	252	1,882	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,283	211	254	2,323	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	335	162	235	2,104	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	5,549	46	162	163	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	224	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	378	174	250	2,117	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,564	196	254	1,591	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16	126	235	2,147	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	315	49	250	284	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	211	110	253	1,064	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	110	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	208	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	16,319	204	254	1,657	3,059
Sheep and lambs	3,005	47	244	372	2,867
All Goats	1,652	103	253	241	2,971
Horses and ponies	504	190	254	2,150	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	172	237	(D)	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	61,942	28	165	54	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,488	136	253	1,549	3,059
All Wheat for grain	4,487	96	202	967	2,517
Sorghum for grain	3,719	92	194	284	1,307
All Vegetables harvested	70	110	202	1,433	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	195
\$1,000 to \$2,499	49
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8
\$500,000 or more	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,677
Average per farm (\$)	32,471
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,260
Average per farm (\$)	5,001

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	251
Other	200
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	369
Female	82
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	603
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	-
More than one race	5
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	49

(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.