



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Ector, Texas

Number of farms

287 farms in 2002, 274 farms in 1997, up 5 percent.

Land in farms

503,781 acres in 2002, 467,920 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Average size of farm

1,755 acres in 2002, 1,708 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,873,000 in 2002, \$3,758,000 in 1997, down 50 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$279,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,594,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

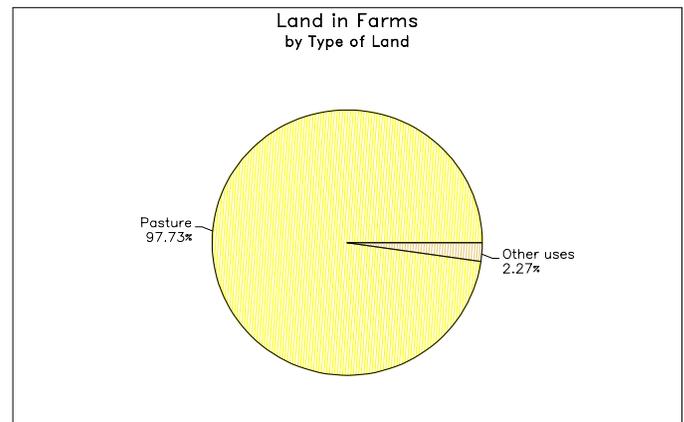
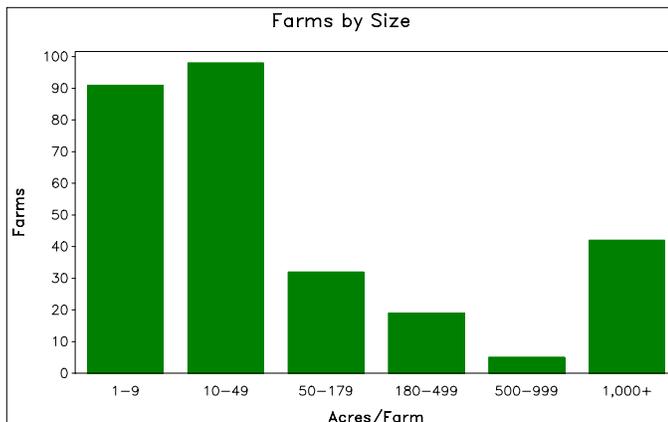
\$6,525 in 2002, \$13,714 in 1997, down 52 percent.

Government Payments

\$236,000 in 2002, \$82,000 in 1997, up 188 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,876 in 2002, \$10,252 in 1997, up 35 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	1,873	250	254	2,952	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	279	238	252	2,974	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,594	248	254	2,779	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3	229	235	2,812	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	162	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	25	163	199	2,266	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	117	97	224	1,170	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	76	132	178	2,167	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	79	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	58	232	250	2,884	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13	122	223	1,879	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,223	249	254	2,465	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	157	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	215	235	2,797	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	129	75	250	662	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	225	108	253	1,005	3,014
Aquaculture	2	59	110	1,183	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	185	208	2,438	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,688	244	254	2,455	3,059
All Goats	1,279	120	253	338	2,971
Horses and ponies	984	127	254	1,308	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	523	136	237	1,874	2,983
Pheasants	450	18	112	461	1,541
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	506	246	253	2,955	3,059
Pecans	306	96	222	271	1,194
All Wheat for grain	15	197	202	2,435	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	14	162	202	2,118	2,710
Grapes	(D)	49	141	(D)	1,830

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	101	Farming	134
\$1,000 to \$2,499	83	Other	153
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	21	Male	246
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Female	41
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	416
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,127	American Indian or Alaska Native	12
Average per farm (\$)	10,932	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-694	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-2,426	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	24

(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.