

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Nueces, Texas



### Number of farms

649 farms in 2002, 681 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

523,859 acres in 2002, 449,961 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

### Average size of farm

807 acres in 2002, 661 acres in 1997, up 22 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$62,630,000 in 2002, \$68,141,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$59,448,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,182,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

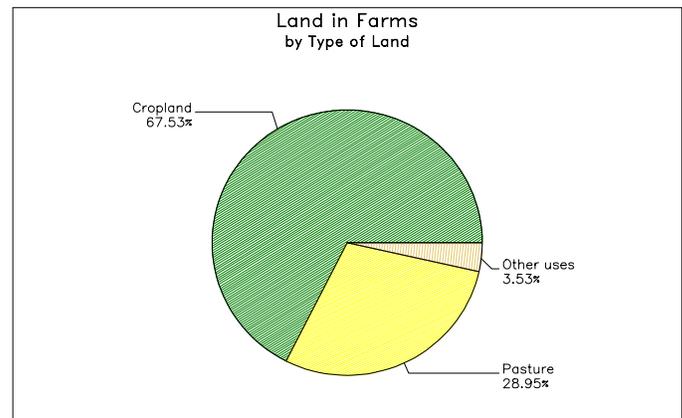
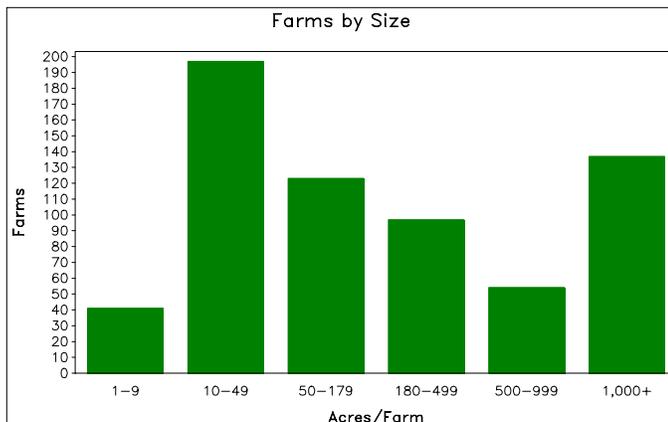
\$96,503 in 2002, \$100,060 in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Government Payments

\$5,085,000 in 2002, \$3,825,000 in 1997, up 33 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$24,216 in 2002, \$16,139 in 1997, up 50 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	62,630	50	254	914	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	59,448	14	252	372	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,182	232	254	2,558	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	24,855	8	235	570	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	33,173	13	162	31	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	(D)	(D)	250	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	223	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,613	227	254	1,987	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	162	34	235	1,317	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	38	145	250	1,456	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	71	185	253	2,092	3,014
Aquaculture	26	32	110	807	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	146	62	208	719	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	17,175	198	254	1,596	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,098	98	237	1,326	2,983
Horses and ponies	769	153	254	1,619	3,065
Deer	726	54	170	93	1,080
All Goats	716	164	253	719	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Sorghum for grain	171,973	1	194	1	1,307
All Cotton	114,822	10	165	16	663
Corn for grain	25,275	20	166	723	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,893	173	253	1,973	3,059
All Wheat for grain	(D)	162	202	(D)	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	151	Farming	384
\$1,000 to \$2,499	98	Other	265
\$2,500 to \$4,999	76		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	34	Male	594
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Female	55
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	53	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43	White	887
\$500,000 or more	33	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	56,832	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	87,166	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,942	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	19,849	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	157

(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.