



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Van Zandt, Texas



Number of farms

2,842 farms in 2002, 2,824 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

422,084 acres in 2002, 373,512 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Average size of farm

149 acres in 2002, 132 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$73,027,000 in 2002, \$57,714,000 in 1997, up 27 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$33,226,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$39,801,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

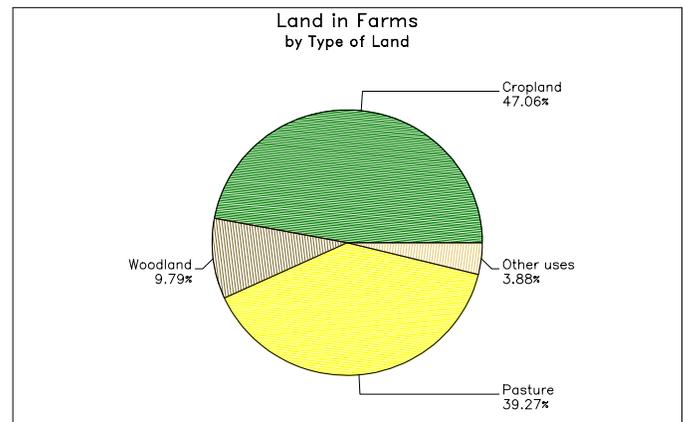
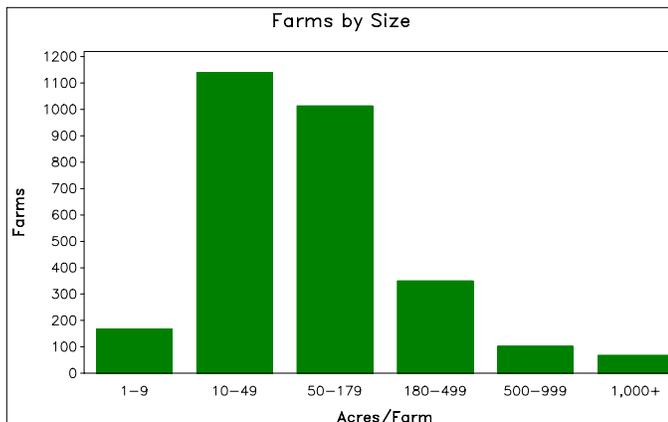
\$25,696 in 2002, \$20,437 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Government Payments

\$619,000 in 2002, \$333,000 in 1997, up 86 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,634 in 2002, \$4,012 in 1997, up 215 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	73,027	38	254	761	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	33,226	33	252	793	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	39,801	47	254	724	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	162	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,201	18	199	344	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	176	76	224	975	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	25,806	9	178	110	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	51	36	79	643	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,948	27	250	421	3,046
Poultry and eggs	60	79	223	1,422	2,918
Cattle and calves	23,687	63	254	408	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	14,347	11	157	288	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	164	64	250	532	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,141	17	253	106	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	110	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	58	94	208	1,097	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	113,632	22	254	96	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	5,523	48	237	786	2,983
Horses and ponies	4,932	11	254	56	3,065
All Goats	2,240	88	253	161	2,971
Sheep and lambs	852	82	244	1,096	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	71,848	5	253	115	3,059
Nursery stock	2,783	1	135	26	2,129
All Vegetables harvested	1,338	20	202	367	2,710
Sweet potatoes	1,118	1	26	18	571
Southern peas	794	2	96	6	625

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	772	Farming	1,494
\$1,000 to \$2,499	543	Other	1,348
\$2,500 to \$4,999	433		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	414	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	281	Male	2,587
\$20,000 to \$24,999	69	Female	255
\$25,000 to \$39,999	125		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	59	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	59		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	46	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	White	4,006
\$500,000 or more	19	Black or African American	55
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	70,378	American Indian or Alaska Native	43
Average per farm (\$)	24,729	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		Asian	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,918	More than one race	13
Average per farm (\$)	2,080	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	129

(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.