

# YUMA COUNTY MARKET TRENDS

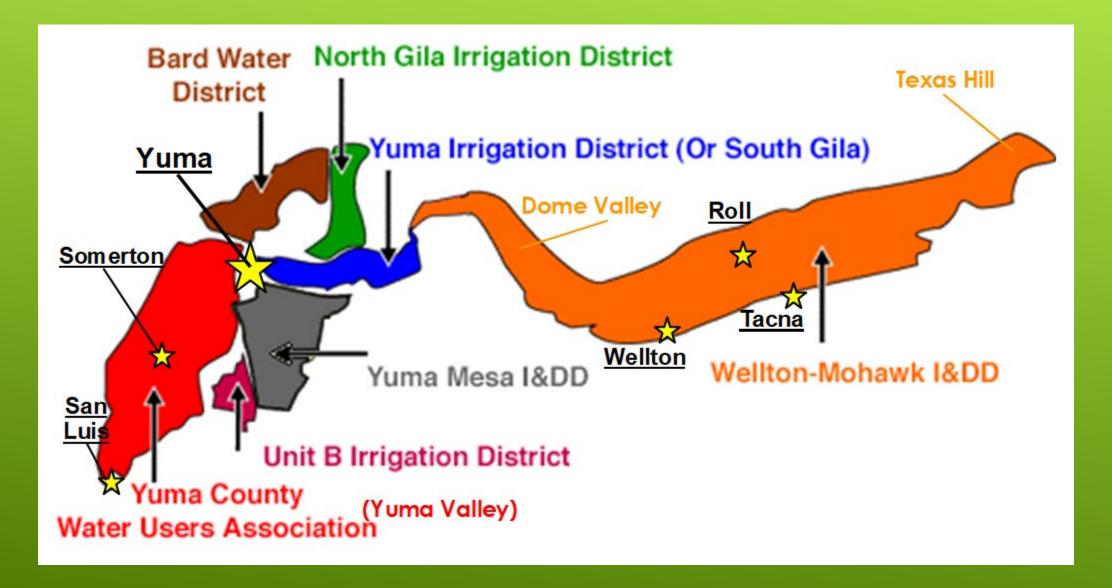
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# YUMA AREA AG 2022 OUTLOOK

Agriculture in Yuma County is mostly within seven irrigation districts along the Colorado River and Gila River valleys (this includes the Bard Valley, across the Colorado River in California). These districts were formed with the development by USBR of the Yuma Project and the Gila Project, both of which receive Colorado River water. Irrigation districts within the Yuma Project hold Priority 1 water rights, as does North Gila Valley Irrigation District. The other Gila Project irrigation districts enjoy Priority 3 water rights.

### YUMA AREA IRRIGATION DISTRICTS





# YUMA COUNTY IRRIGATION

Irrigation District	Irrigable Acres	2022 Operation & Maintenance Fees	
Yuma Project			
Yuma Valley (YCWUA)	50,000	\$117 – includes first 5 AF & IID fee	
Bard Valley (BWD)	15,000	\$134 – includes first 5 AF & construction repayment	
Unit 'B'	3,300	\$174.68 – includes first 10 AF	
Gila Project			
North Gila Valley	6,000	\$80 – includes first 5 AF	
South Gila Valley (YID)	12,000	\$86 – includes first 5 AF & IID fee	
Wellton Mohawk	60,000	\$114 – includes first 4 AF	
Yuma Mesa	19,200	\$99.50 – includes first 9 AF	
Total Acreage	165,500		



Agriculture is a major contributor to the economy of Yuma County, accounting for about half of the economic base. Winter vegetable production includes, but is not limited to, various forms of lettuce, kale, salad greens, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, celery and beets. It is the major component of the local agricultural industry and drives the market in terms of price and rent paid for farmland. Field crops grown in Yuma County include alfalfa, wheat, cotton, grains and seed crops.

### **ECONOMY OF YUMA COUNTY**





The last two years were rough for farmers, owing to disruption of the economy resulting from the Covid pandemic. It appears the market is returning to normalcy. Winter plantings for fresh produce in the Yuma area were down 5% to 10% last winter, and it appears around the same acreage is planted this winter. In the current winter season, there is a reduction in acres planted to broccoli, but increased acres planted to lettuce.

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



Industry participants view disruption in market conditions brought about by the pandemic as short term, and they are invested in Yuma area farmland for the long term. The demand for farmland for lease is stable without much increase in rent rates. The volume of sales is down, but there are also very few listings. Buyers include operators purchasing land they have been leasing when it becomes available for sale. There is increased interest from investment groups seeking a safe risk investment in farmland and cooling facilities. Price paid has modestly appreciated.

### **2021 YEAR IN REVIEW**



#### IRRIGATED FARMLAND IN YUMA COUNTY AND BARD VALLEY, CA

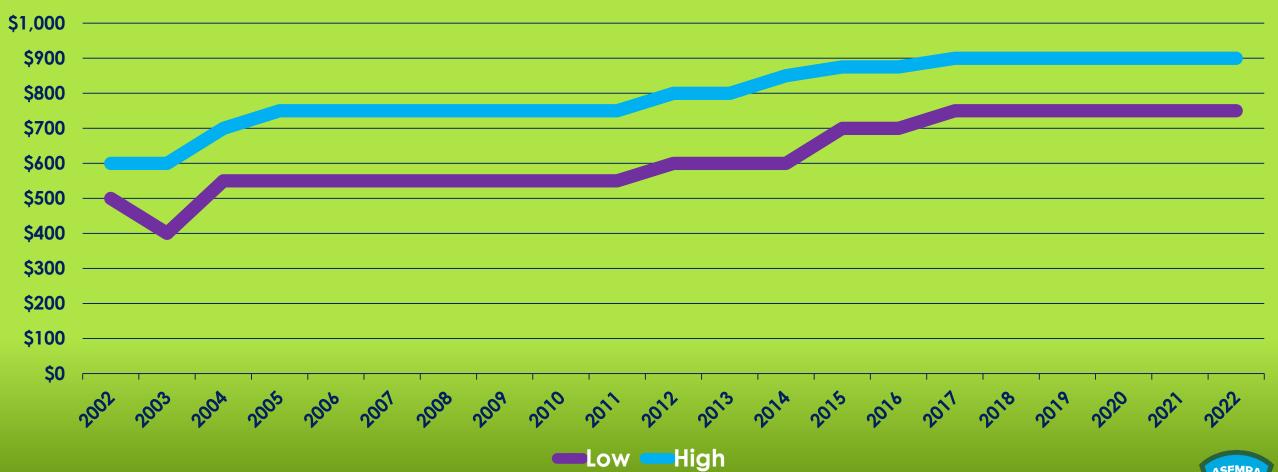
Location	Value Per Acre	Sale Price Activity / Trends	Annual Cash Rents	Rent Rates Activity / Trends
Upper Yuma Valley	\$38,000 - \$43,000	Active / Upward	\$900 - \$1,025	Active / Upward
Lower Yuma Valley	\$33,000 - \$35,000	Active / Stable	\$700 - \$900	Active / Stable
North & South Gila Valleys	\$38,000 - \$43,000	Limited / Upward	\$900 - \$1,100	Active / Upward
Yuma Mesa Districts	\$17,000 - \$20,000	Active / Stable	\$150 - \$200	Limited / Stable
Wellton-Mohawk ID				
Dome Valley	\$28,000 - \$35,000	Limited / Stable	\$700 - \$900	Active / Stable
Wellton Area	\$20,000 - \$29,000	Active / Upward	\$550 - \$850	Active / Stable
Roll Area	\$17,000 - \$19,500	Limited / Upward	\$450 - \$700	Active / Upward
Texas Hill	\$13,000 - \$18,000	Limited / Upward	\$350 - \$625	Active / Upward
Wellton Mesa	\$10,000 - \$15,000	Limited / Stable	\$200 - \$350	Limited / Stable
Bard Valley, CA				
Irrigated Farmland	\$32,000 - \$35,000	Active / Stable	\$750 - \$900	Active / Stable
Medjool Dates	\$40,000 - \$70,000	Limited / Stable	\$0.20 - \$0.25/lb.	Limited / Stable



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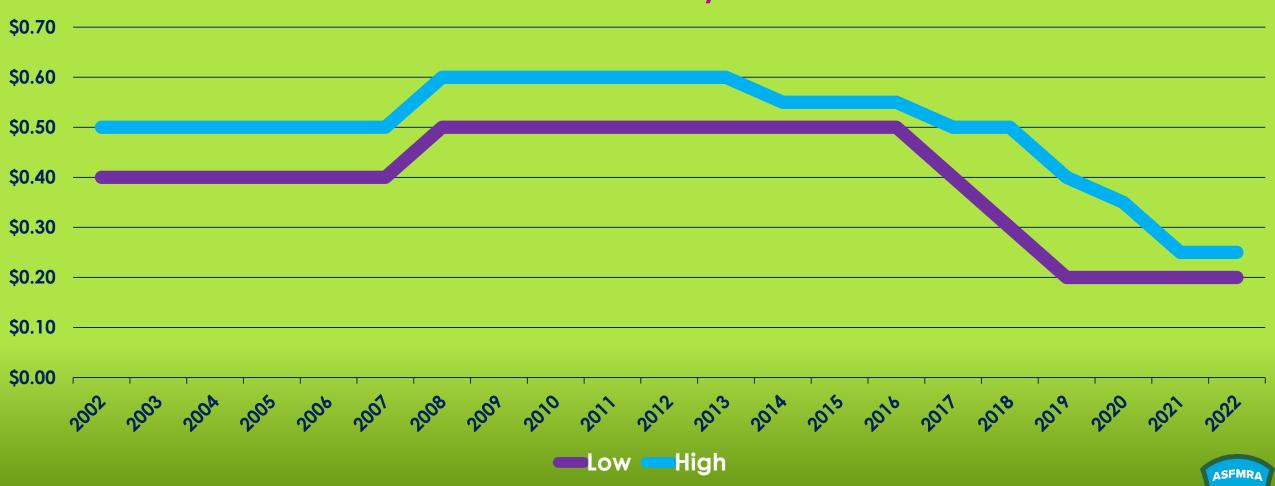


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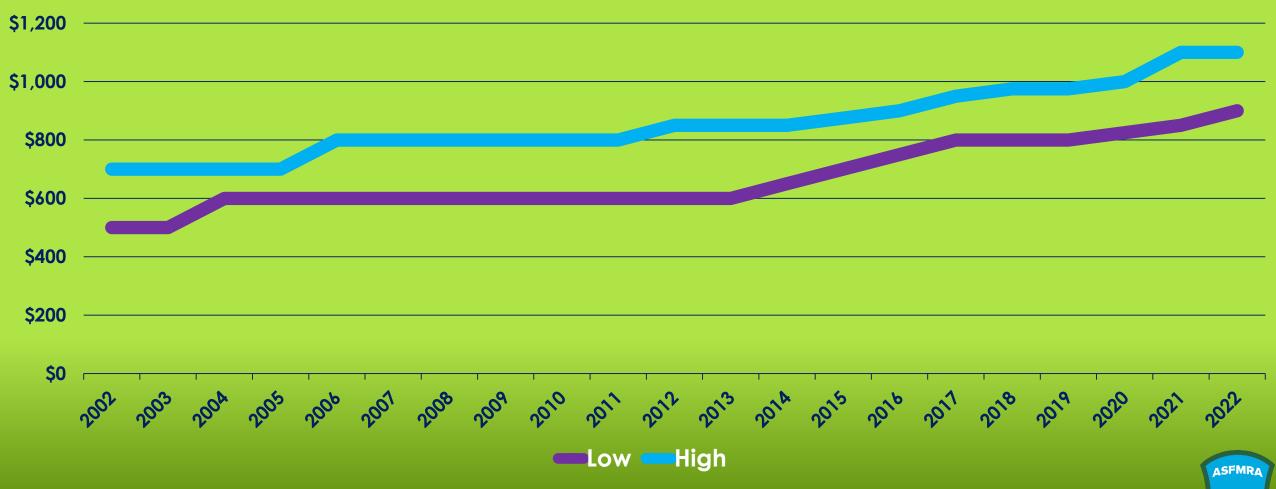
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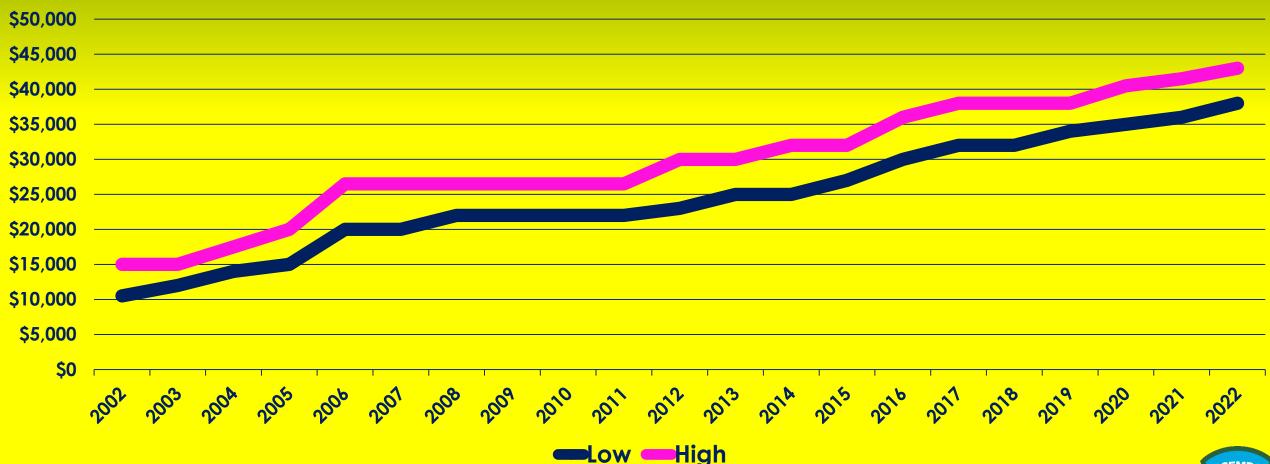
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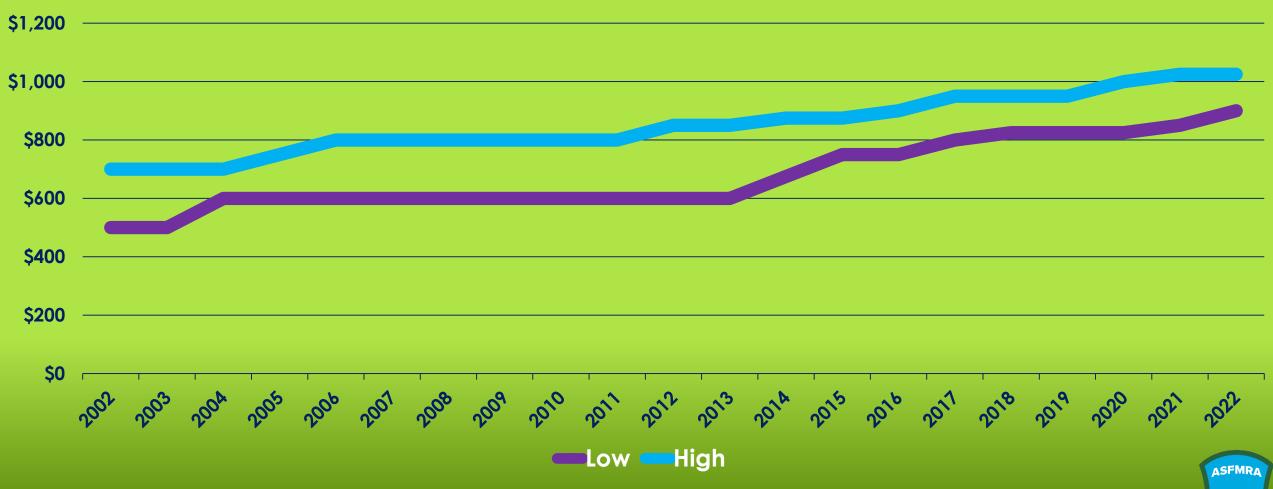
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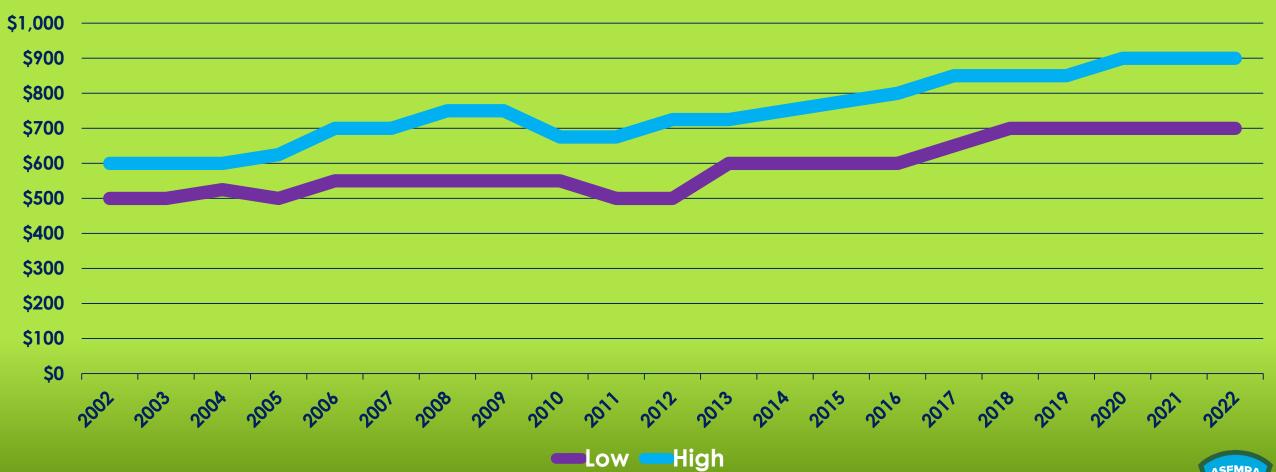
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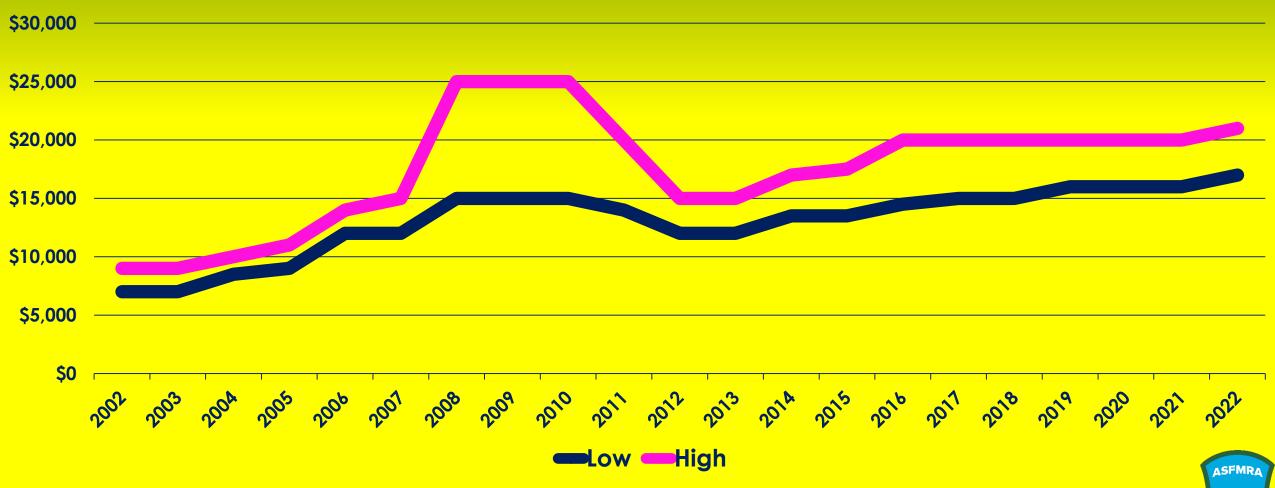
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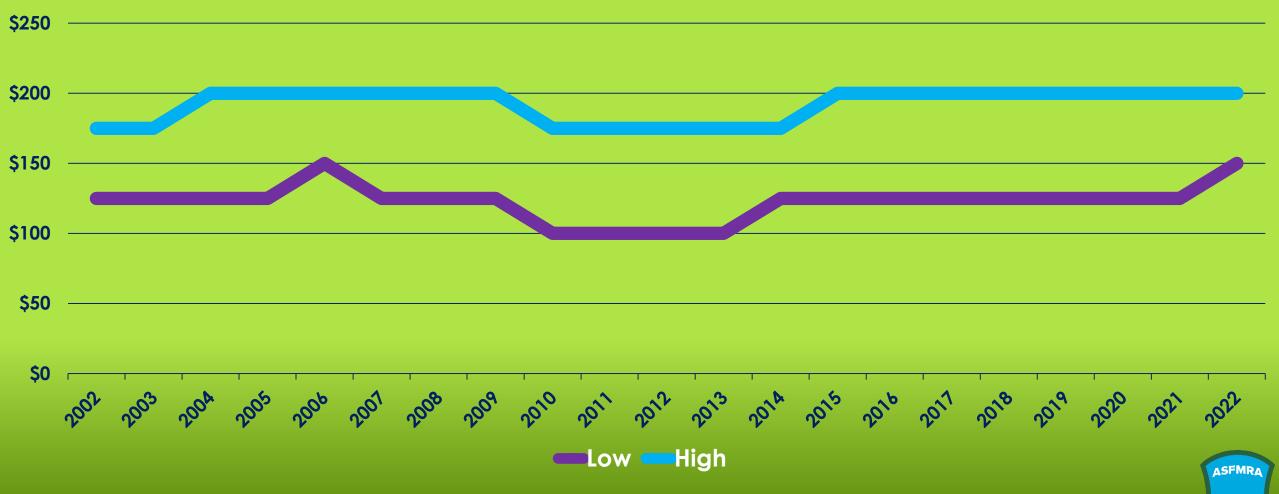
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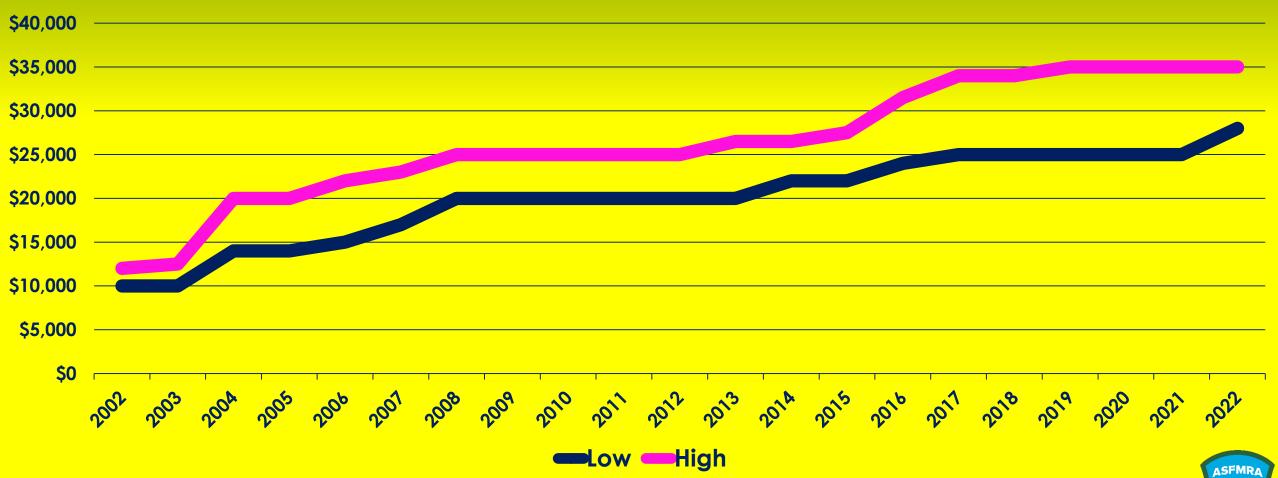
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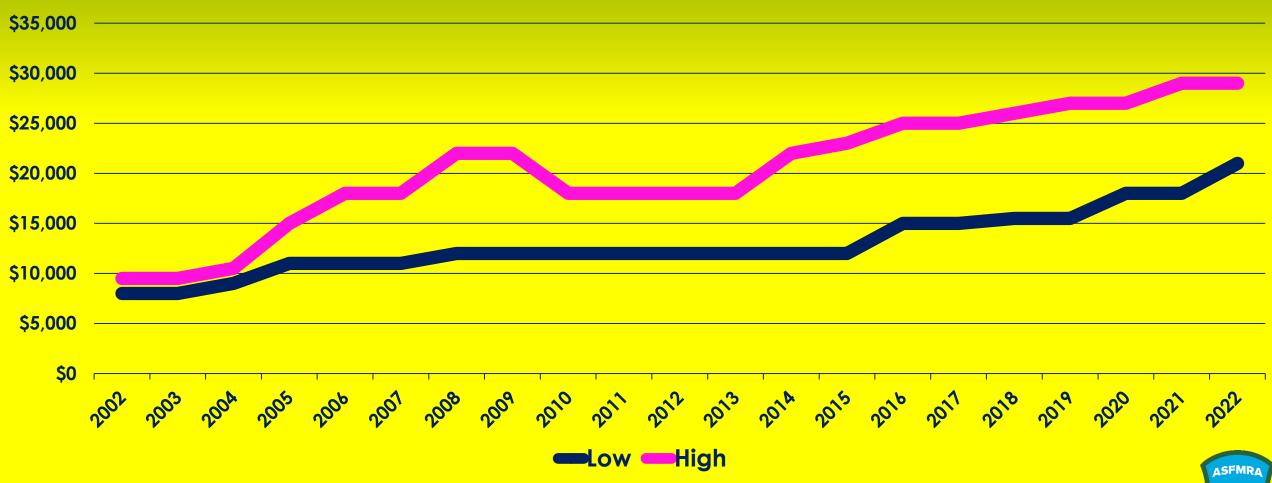
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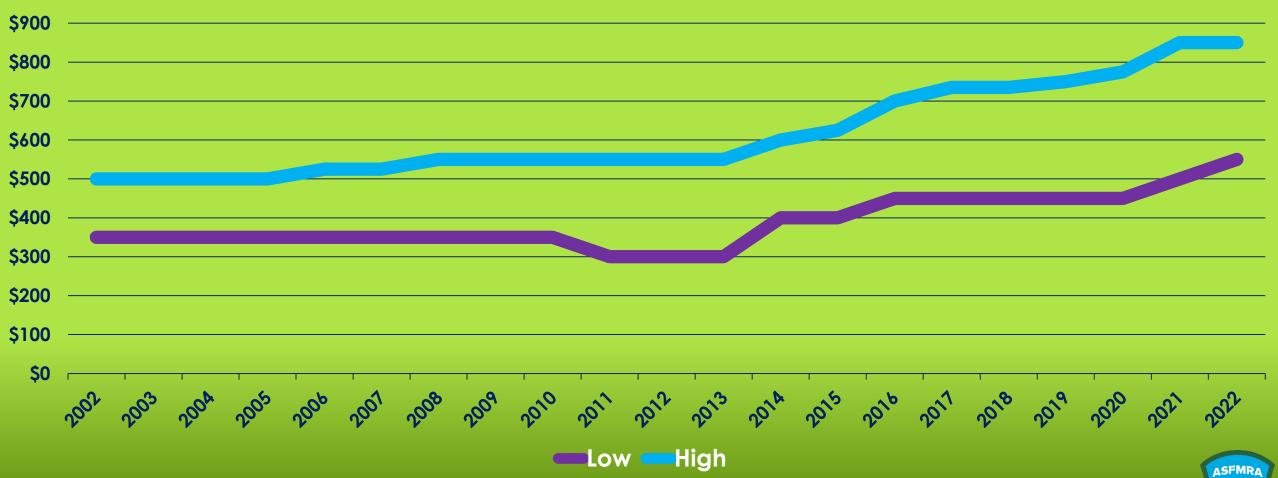
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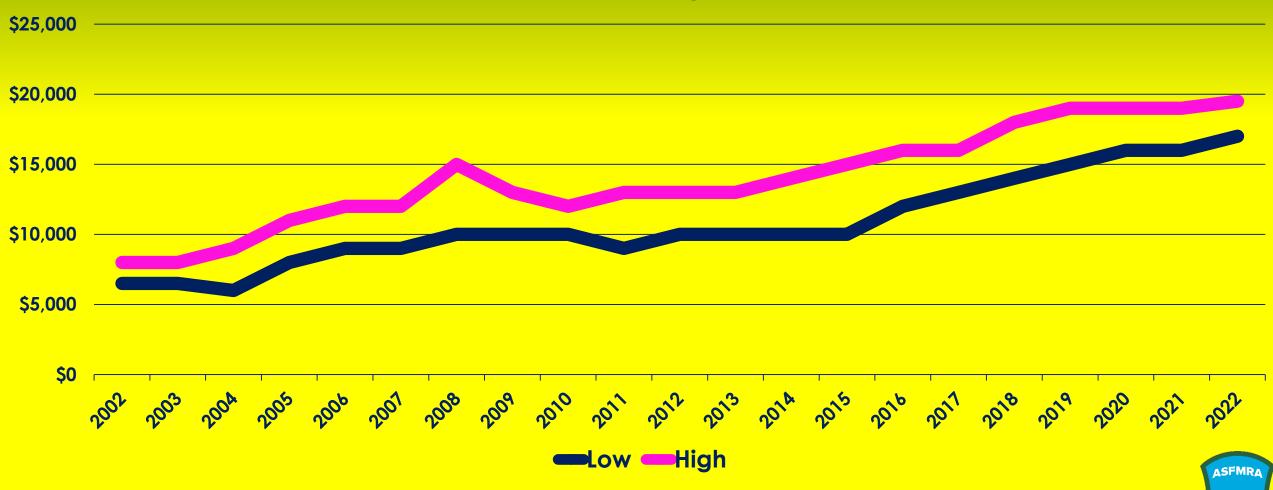
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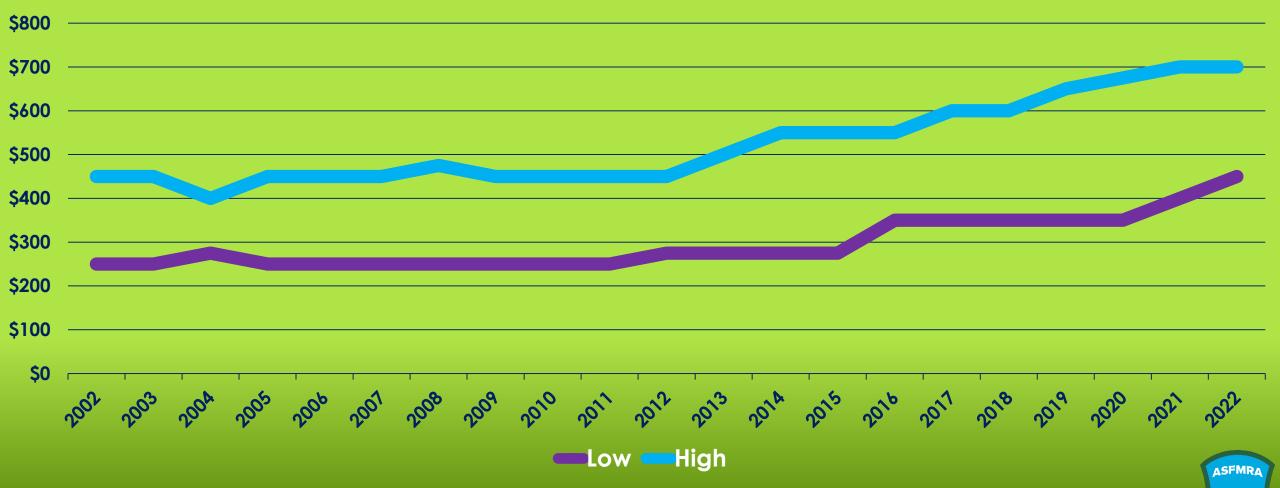
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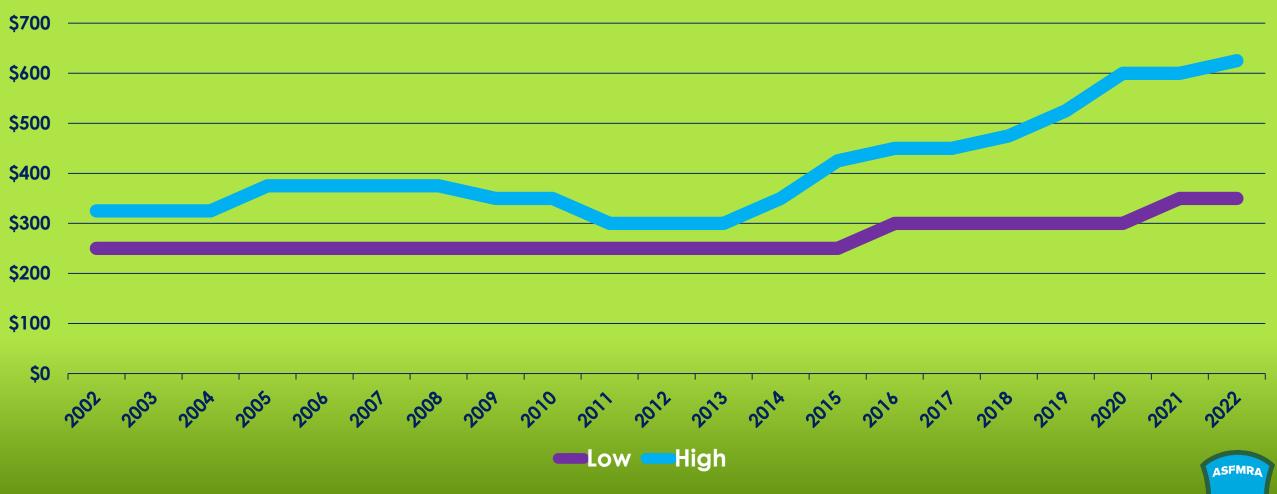
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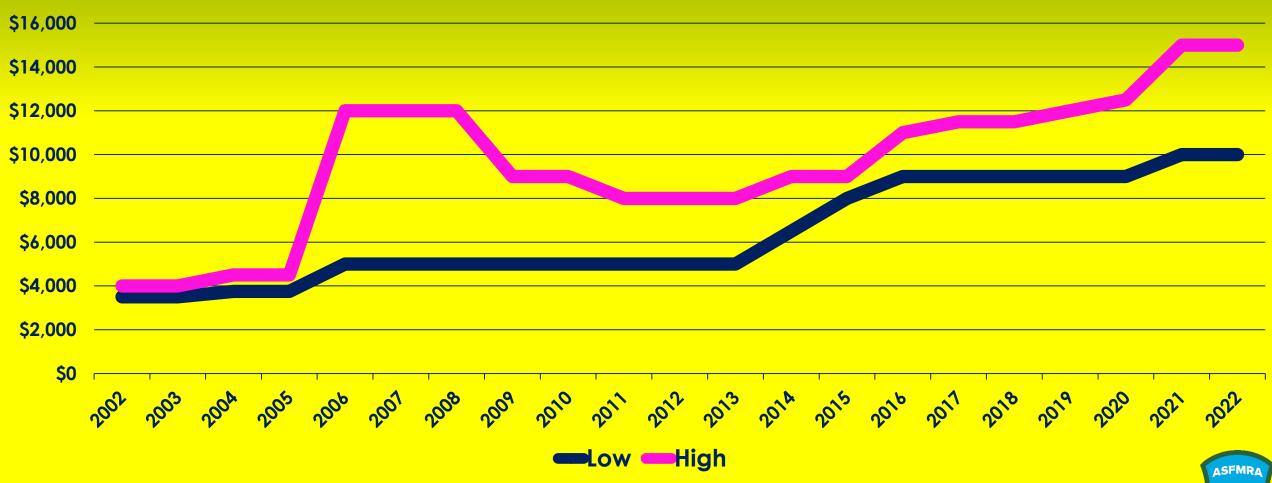
# TEXAS HILL



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