

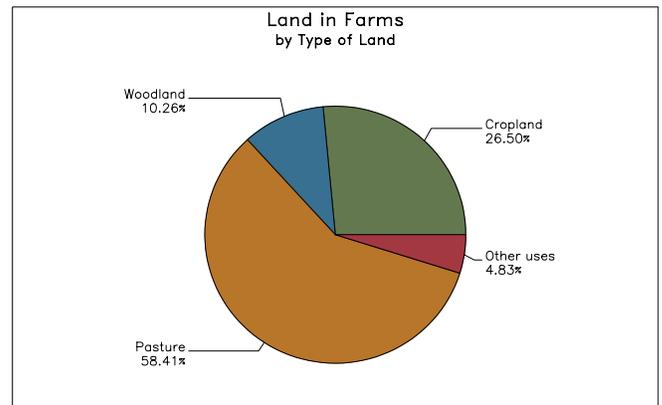
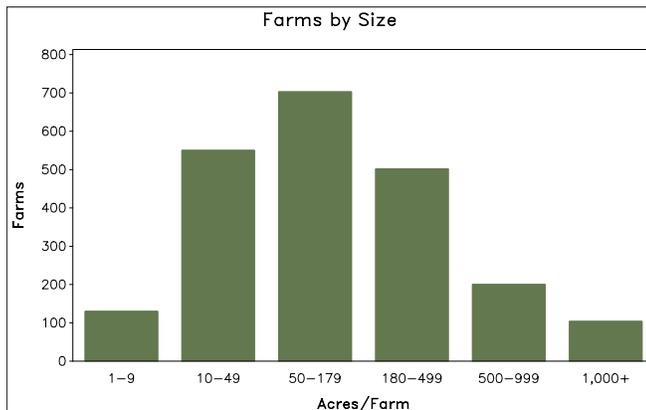
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Erath County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	2,189	1,977	+ 11
Land in Farms	622,923 acres	580,627 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	285 acres	294 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$250,192,000	\$207,714,000	+ 20
Crop Sales \$12,882,000 (5 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$237,310,000 (95 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$114,295	\$105,065	+ 9
Government Payments	\$1,087,000	\$3,102,000	- 65
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,602	\$8,249	- 32



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Erath County – Texas

Ranked items among the 254 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	250,192	19	254	223	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,882	118	253	1,726	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	237,310	16	254	91	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	598	158	244	2,110	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	161	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	213	100	199	1,483	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	950	34	229	474	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,792	33	176	480	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	6,329	28	252	261	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	89	240	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	55,682	26	254	207	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	179,362	1	158	31	2,493
Hogs and pigs	51	66	235	1,584	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	649	34	252	193	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,180	22	253	178	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	101	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	306	47	232	527	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	76,238	5	253	91	3,060
Sorghum for silage	4,573	5	146	11	1,151
Wheat for grain, all	1,433	132	199	1,482	2,481
Pecans, all	1,310	43	231	119	1,315
Sorghum for grain	1,025	127	187	458	1,158
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	165,060	10	254	56	3,060
Goats, all	9,653	28	252	31	3,023
Horses and ponies	5,209	15	254	67	3,066
Layers	2,676	70	246	995	3,024
Quail	2,230	32	135	278	1,386

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	703	Farming	857
\$1,000 to \$2,499	262	Other	1,332
\$2,500 to \$4,999	241		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	276	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	234	Male	1,926
\$20,000 to \$24,999	80	Female	263
\$25,000 to \$39,999	128		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	39	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	53	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	American Indian or Alaska Native	26
\$500,000 or more	80	Asian	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	226,942	Black or African American	1
Average per farm (\$)	103,674	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	3,313
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29,208	More than one race	32
Average per farm (\$)	13,343	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	114

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.