

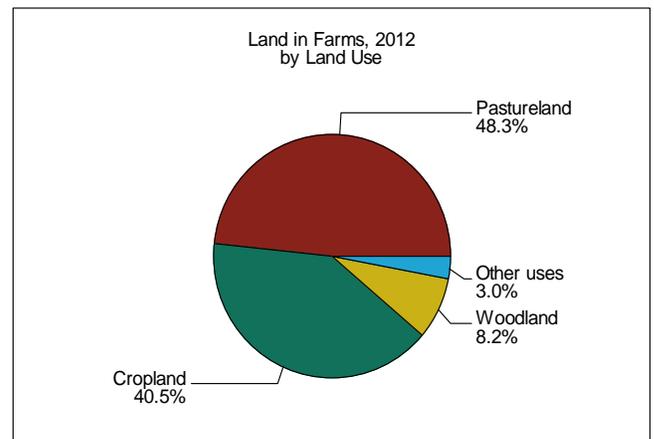
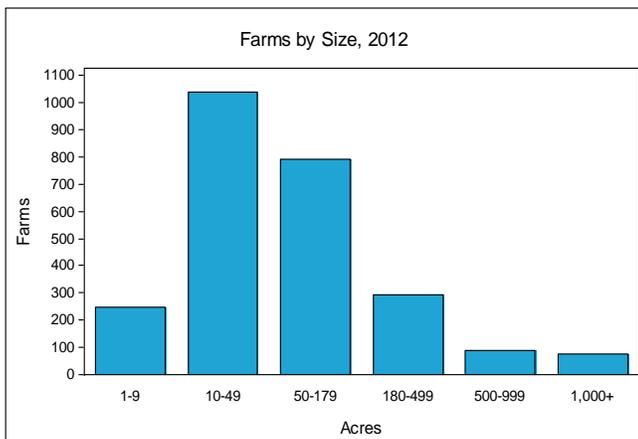
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Bell County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	2,533	2,384	+ 6
Land in Farms	421,362 acres	431,945 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	166 acres	181 acres	- 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$84,880,000	\$61,748,000	+ 37
Crop Sales \$58,592,000 (69 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$26,287,000 (31 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$33,509	\$25,901	+ 29
Government Payments	\$2,125,000	\$2,176,000	- 2
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,146	\$5,120	+ 1





Bell County – Texas

Ranked items among the 254 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	84,880	66	254	1,316	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	58,592	42	253	1,047	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	26,287	114	254	1,403	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	47,622	19	238	863	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	3,773	78	165	300	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,060	22	215	307	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	165	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	33	46	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	4,343	72	252	676	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	34	241	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	12,765	142	254	1,138	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	105	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	68	54	227	1,351	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	251	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,241	27	254	186	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	546	33	236	396	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	50,730	10	163	614	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	40,089	40	252	362	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	27,133	42	201	395	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	42	201	301	2,480
Sorghum for grain	21,938	22	177	77	1,220
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	5	166	(D)	2,416
Cattle and calves	34,922	111	254	817	3,063
Goats, all	12,813	16	250	21	2,996
Layers	12,024	41	249	674	3,040
Sheep and lambs	4,269	34	240	205	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	899	Farming	866
\$1,000 to \$2,499	401	Other	1,667
\$2,500 to \$4,999	335		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	328	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	234	Male	2,164
\$20,000 to \$24,999	47	Female	369
\$25,000 to \$39,999	72		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	37	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	84		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	45	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	American Indian or Alaska Native	51
\$500,000 or more	35	Asian	15
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	82,037	Black or African American	75
Average per farm (\$)	32,387	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5
		White	3,690
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,853	More than one race	40
Average per farm (\$)	3,890	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	217

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.