

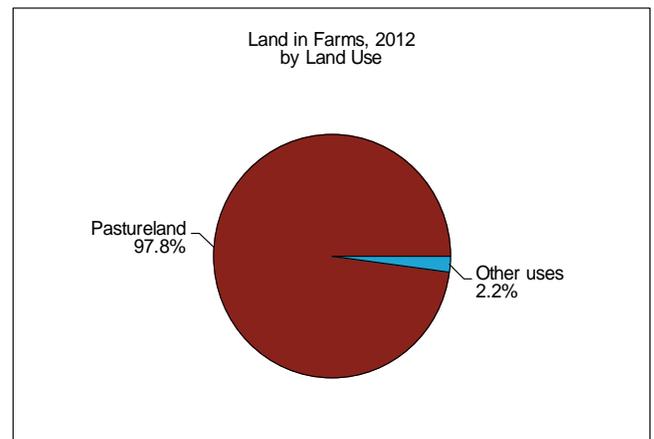
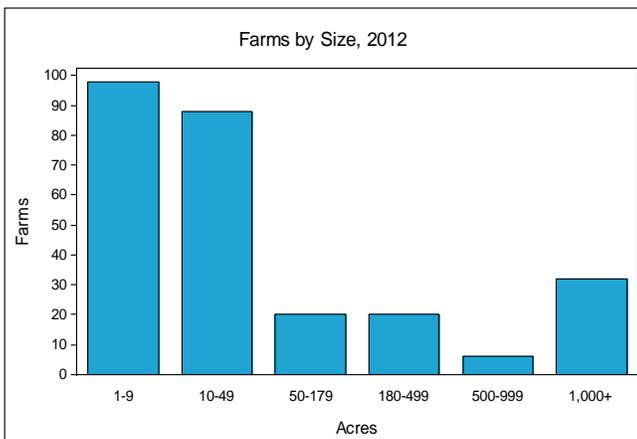
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Ector County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	264	301	- 12
Land in Farms	428,848 acres	423,919 acres	+ 1
Average Size of Farm	1,624 acres	1,408 acres	+ 15
Market Value of Products Sold	\$2,190,000	\$3,559,000	- 38
Crop Sales \$634,000 (29 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,556,000 (71 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$8,295	\$11,824	- 30
Government Payments	\$211,000	\$109,000	+ 94
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,090	\$8,394	+ 80





Ector 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	2,190	249	254	2,969	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	634	235	253	2,941	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,556	250	254	2,812	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	234	238	2,908	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	165	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	269	117	215	940	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	165	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	329	221	252	2,599	3,049
Poultry and eggs	2	200	241	2,806	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,119	251	254	2,578	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	3	178	227	2,520	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	67	153	251	1,702	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	329	97	254	840	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	37	154	236	1,601	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,011	242	252	2,864	3,057
Pecans, all	(D)	92	214	267	1,263
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	200	201	(D)	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	200	201	(D)	2,480
Vegetables harvested, all	6	167	199	2,455	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	3,482	246	254	2,551	3,063
Horses and ponies	1,130	111	254	1,039	3,072
Goats, all	927	144	250	623	2,996
Layers	291	181	249	2,635	3,040
Mules, burros, and donkeys	141	126	253	608	2,991

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	145	Farming	76
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20	Other	188
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33	Male	227
\$10,000 to \$19,999	21	Female	37
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	Black or African American	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5
\$500,000 or more	-	White	399
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,727	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	25,482	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	105
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-3,724		
Average per farm (\$)	-14,105		

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.