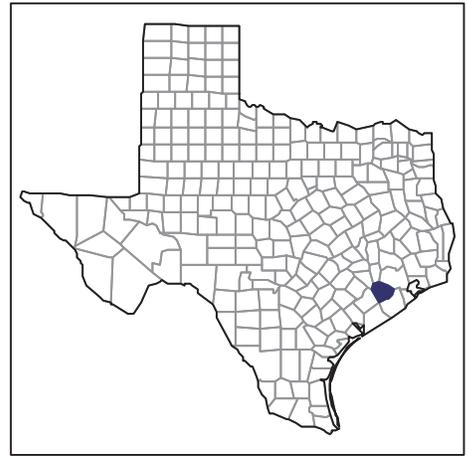


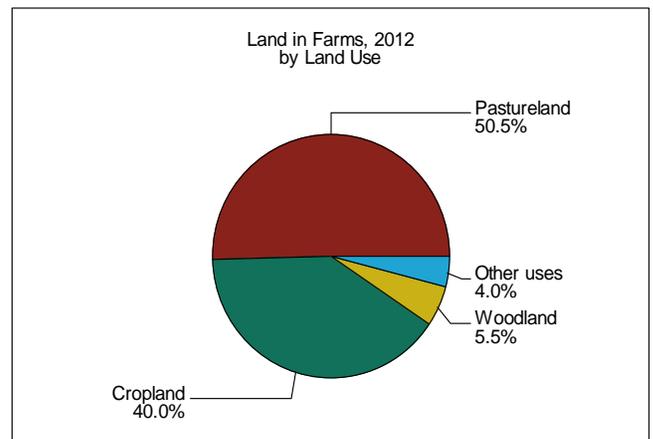
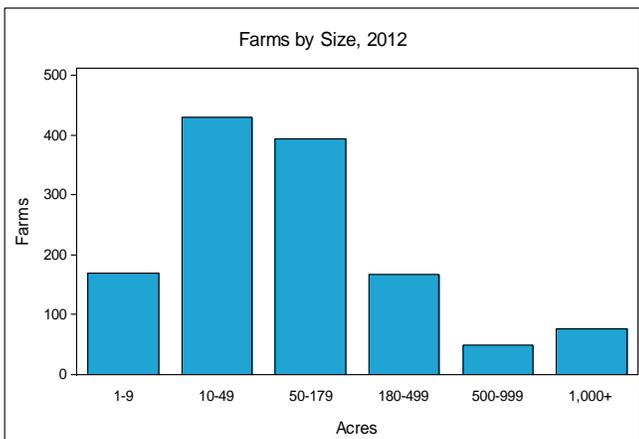
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Fort Bend County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,286	1,404	- 8
Land in Farms	339,295 acres	382,740 acres	- 11
Average Size of Farm	264 acres	273 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$103,787,000	\$94,494,000	+ 10
Crop Sales \$91,886,000 (89 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$11,901,000 (11 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$80,705	\$67,304	+ 20
Government Payments	\$4,101,000	\$4,237,000	- 3
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,907	\$12,879	- 15





Fort Bend 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	103,787	50	254	1,132	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	91,886	16	253	706	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,901	165	254	1,989	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	35,964	26	238	998	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	30,085	14	165	45	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	191	93	199	1,536	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	853	65	215	529	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	21,586	14	165	138	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,207	95	252	921	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	131	241	1,896	3,013
Cattle and calves	10,997	152	254	1,236	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	151	27	227	1,149	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	35	185	251	2,134	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	637	59	254	426	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	56	91	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	51	139	236	1,414	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cotton, all	36,948	33	165	66	635
Upland cotton	36,948	33	165	63	635
Sorghum for grain	28,637	14	177	50	1,220
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,090	96	252	965	3,057
Corn for grain	15,420	32	163	1,056	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	32,731	119	254	877	3,063
Horses and ponies	2,579	48	254	295	3,072
Layers	2,081	92	249	1,267	3,040
Hogs and pigs	693	29	235	1,137	2,889
Goats, all	622	175	250	996	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	323	Farming	606
\$1,000 to \$2,499	148	Other	680
\$2,500 to \$4,999	176	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	174	Male	1,095
\$10,000 to \$19,999	138	Female	191
\$20,000 to \$24,999	45	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	71	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	48	Asian	18
\$100,000 to \$249,999	59	Black or African American	170
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	58	White	1,629
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	92,402	More than one race	14
Average per farm (\$)	71,852	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	117
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	20,861		
Average per farm (\$)	16,221		

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.