

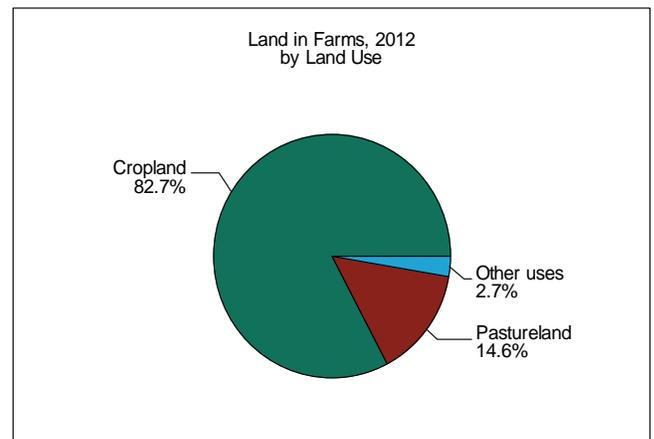
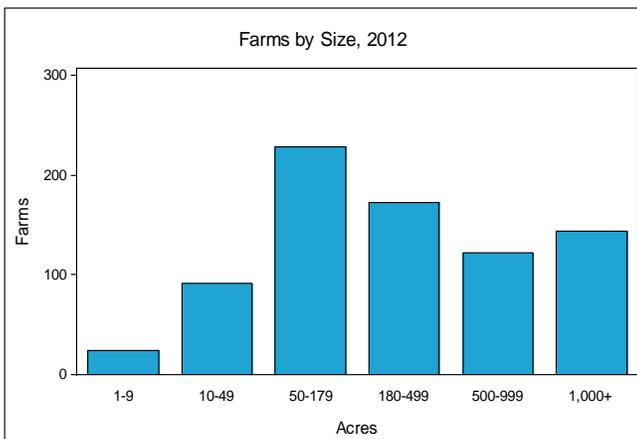
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Hockley County Texas

|  | 2012          | 2007          | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Number of Farms</b>                   | 781           | 842           | - 7      |
| <b>Land in Farms</b>                     | 483,775 acres | 484,286 acres | 0        |
| <b>Average Size of Farm</b>              | 619 acres     | 575 acres     | + 8      |
| <b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>     | \$78,717,000  | \$107,710,000 | - 27     |
| Crop Sales \$70,121,000 (89 percent)     |               |               |          |
| Livestock Sales \$8,596,000 (11 percent) |               |               |          |
| Average Per Farm                         | \$100,790     | \$127,921     | - 21     |
| <b>Government Payments</b>               | \$10,093,000  | \$14,237,000  | - 29     |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments      | \$15,844      | \$22,142      | - 28     |





## Hockley County – Texas

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

| Item  | Quantity | State Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> | U.S. Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                             | 78,717   | 76         | 254                   | 1,385     | 3,077                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                       | 70,121   | 32         | 253                   | 905       | 3,072                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                       | 8,596    | 192        | 254                   | 2,200     | 3,076                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                    |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                             | 4,745    | 99         | 238                   | 1,771     | 2,926                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 436                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | 61,800   | 5          | 165                   | 15        | 635                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                      | (D)      | (D)        | 199                   | (D)       | 2,802                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | (D)      | (D)        | 215                   | (D)       | 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   | 2,539    | 117        | 252                   | 1,126     | 3,049                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)      | 152        | 241                   | 2,303     | 3,013                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 8,392    | 169        | 254                   | 1,439     | 3,056                 |
| Milk from cows  | -        | -          | 105                   | -         | 2,038                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 59       | 60         | 227                   | 1,394     | 2,827                 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk                                  | 90       | 134        | 251                   | 1,436     | 2,988                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                            | 42       | 229        | 254                   | 2,366     | 3,011                 |
| Aquaculture   | -        | -          | 91                    | -         | 1,366                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                               | (D)      | 229        | 236                   | (D)       | 2,924                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cotton, all   | 157,987  | 6          | 165                   | 7         | 635                   |
| Upland cotton   | 157,987  | 6          | 165                   | 7         | 635                   |
| Sorghum for grain   | 19,654   | 27         | 177                   | 85        | 1,220                 |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 4,770    | 190        | 252                   | 2,238     | 3,057                 |
| Wheat for grain, all  | 2,896    | 110        | 201                   | 1,201     | 2,537                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                         |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 20,830   | 152        | 254                   | 1,318     | 3,063                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 675      | 108        | 240                   | 1,191     | 2,897                 |
| Goats, all  | 522      | 185        | 250                   | 1,196     | 2,996                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 503      | 185        | 254                   | 2,032     | 3,072                 |
| Layers  | 324      | 176        | 249                   | 2,594     | 3,040                 |

### Other County Highlights, 2012

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales:                    |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 395      | Farming   | 356      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 36       | Other   | 425      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 23       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 34       | Male  | 638      |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 34       | Female  | 143      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 8        | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 61.6     |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 23       | All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :                              |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 14       | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 5        |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 58       | Asian   | 9        |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 63       | Black or African American   | -        |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 51       | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 42       | White   | 991      |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 96,284   | More than one race  | 10       |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 123,283  | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup> | 42       |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 14,705   |   |          |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 18,829   |   |          |

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.