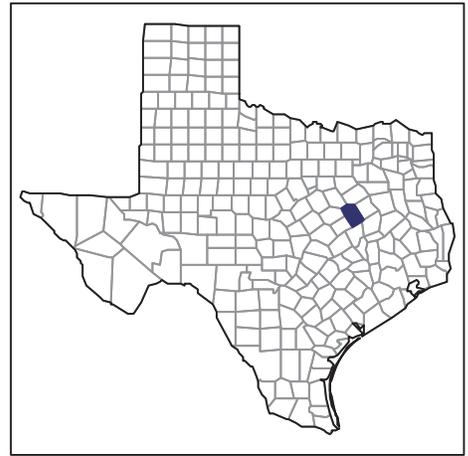


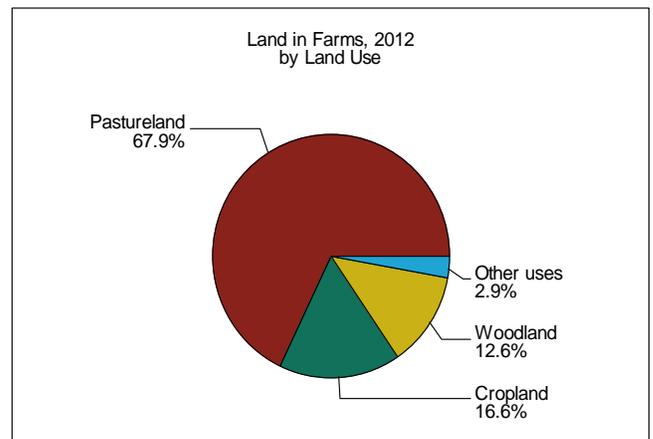
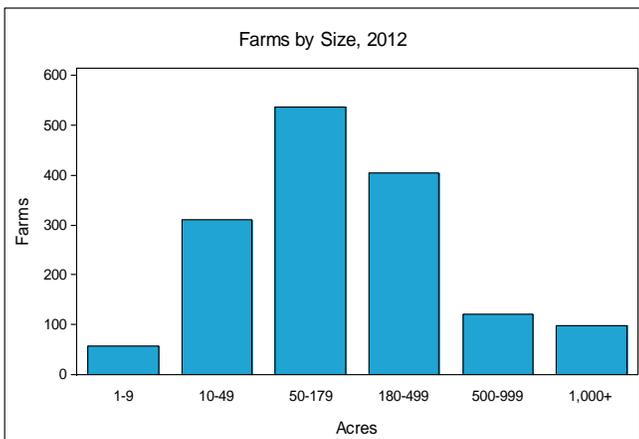
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Limestone County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,526	1,494	+ 2
Land in Farms	486,787 acres	505,846 acres	- 4
Average Size of Farm	319 acres	339 acres	- 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$48,284,000	\$45,703,000	+ 6
Crop Sales \$12,346,000 (26 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$35,938,000 (74 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$31,641	\$30,591	+ 3
Government Payments	\$2,192,000	\$1,190,000	+ 84
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,407	\$6,647	+ 42





Limestone 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	48,284	119	254	1,789	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,346	132	253	1,987	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,938	93	254	1,148	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,887	91	238	1,695	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	973	109	165	428	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	502	64	199	1,098	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	810	69	215	546	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	578	78	165	1,279	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,595	87	252	825	3,049
Poultry and eggs	2,372	44	241	883	3,013
Cattle and calves	32,147	57	254	490	3,056
Milk from cows	795	65	105	1,344	2,038
Hogs and pigs	6	150	227	2,280	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	102	123	251	1,336	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	477	75	254	591	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	40	152	236	1,558	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	41,538	38	252	336	3,057
Corn for grain	5,075	56	163	1,411	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	3,949	104	201	1,081	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	3,949	104	201	1,007	2,480
Cotton, all	2,209	111	165	403	635
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	73,462	29	254	234	3,063
Layers	(D)	31	249	(D)	3,040
Quail	(D)	7	116	(D)	944
Roosters	(D)	22	163	(D)	2,120
Horses and ponies	2,746	41	254	251	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	331	Farming	769
\$1,000 to \$2,499	186	Other	757
\$2,500 to \$4,999	216		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	210	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	234	Male	1,312
\$20,000 to \$24,999	68	Female	214
\$25,000 to \$39,999	90		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	40	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	74		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	42	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	38
\$500,000 or more	12	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	56,864	Black or African American	204
Average per farm (\$)	37,263	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,990
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-3,254	More than one race	20
Average per farm (\$)	-2,132	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	98

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.