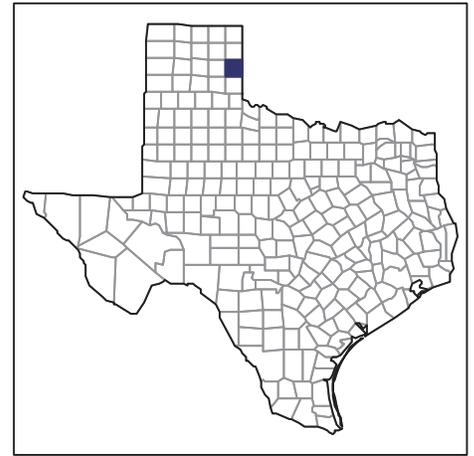


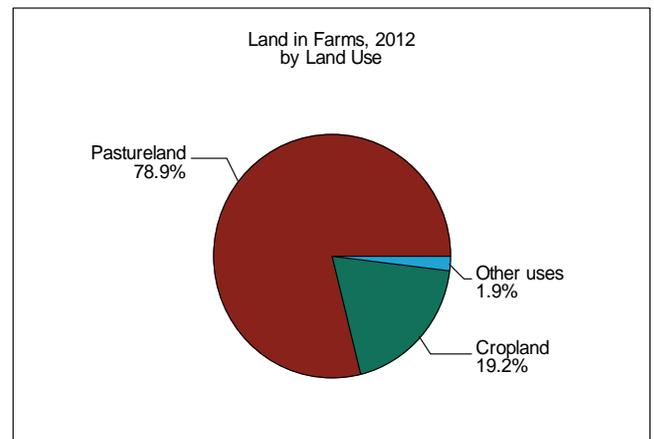
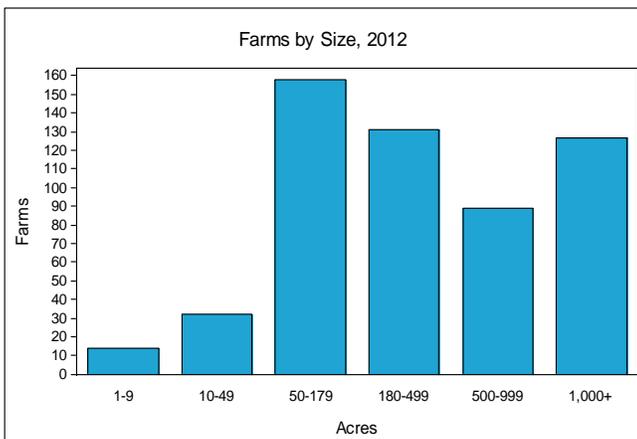
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Wheeler County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	551	507	+ 9
Land in Farms	519,217 acres	583,522 acres	- 11
Average Size of Farm	942 acres	1,151 acres	- 18
Market Value of Products Sold	\$111,206,000	\$129,478,000	- 14
Crop Sales \$9,172,000 (8 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$102,034,000 (92 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$201,825	\$255,380	- 21
Government Payments	\$2,651,000	\$3,608,000	- 27
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,889	\$11,677	- 32





Wheeler 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	111,206	46	254	1,065	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,172	151	253	2,141	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	102,034	31	254	457	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,571	123	238	1,975	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	3,991	74	165	293	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	195	199	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	195	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	2,583	115	252	1,113	3,049
Poultry and eggs	2	197	241	2,797	3,013
Cattle and calves	101,887	19	254	123	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	-	-	227	-	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	6	237	251	2,814	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	92	187	254	1,899	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	47	142	236	1,465	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,248	84	252	875	3,057
Cotton, all	10,315	71	165	233	635
Upland cotton	10,315	70	165	232	635
Wheat for grain, all	10,208	69	201	673	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	10,208	69	201	581	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	64,716	43	254	318	3,063
Horses and ponies	486	189	254	2,078	3,072
Layers	233	194	249	2,711	3,040
Goats, all	87	234	250	2,602	2,996
Pheasants	(D)	22	59	(D)	963

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	230	Farming	204
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25	Other	347
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	Male	456
\$10,000 to \$19,999	65	Female	95
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	62.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	Black or African American	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	12	White	827
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	117,753	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	213,707	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,492		
Average per farm (\$)	-2,708		

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.