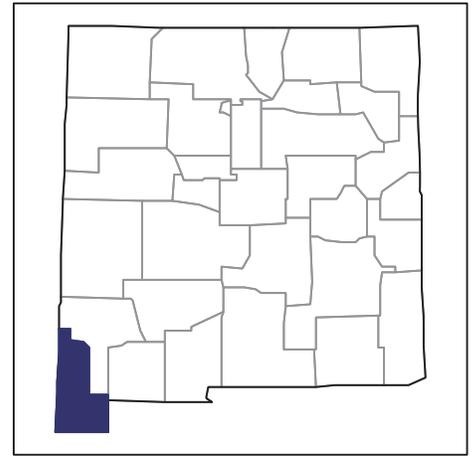


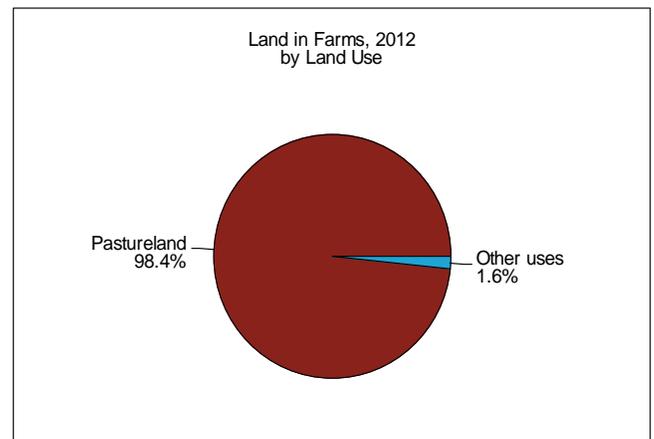
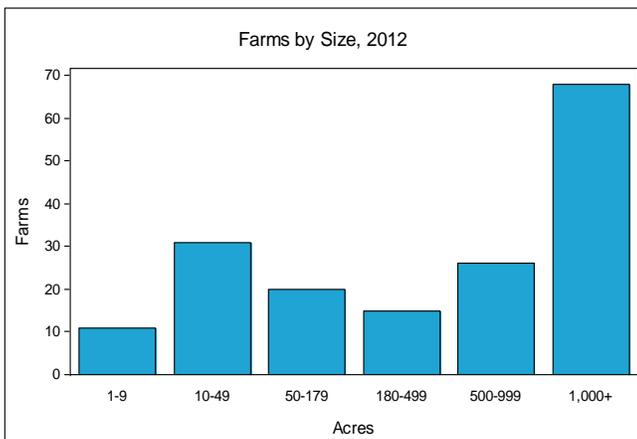
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Hidalgo County New Mexico

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	171	162	+ 6
Land in Farms	930,271 acres	1,028,547 acres	- 10
Average Size of Farm	5,440 acres	6,349 acres	- 14
Market Value of Products Sold	\$29,154,000	\$17,532,000	+ 66
Crop Sales \$16,885,000 (58 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$12,269,000 (42 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$170,488	\$108,222	+ 58
Government Payments	\$1,228,000	\$503,000	+ 144
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,550	\$10,702	+ 45





Hidalgo County – New Mexico

Ranked items among the 33 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	29,154	16	33	2,166	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,885	11	33	1,806	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,269	22	33	1,973	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	17	28	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	9	9	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	8	29	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	844	7	30	532	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	36	19	30	2,307	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	2	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	13,713	5	33	233	3,049
Poultry and eggs	2	27	33	2,805	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	17	32	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	19	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	-	-	28	-	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	61	19	32	1,778	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	50	31	32	2,270	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	7	12	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	15	31	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,392	19	33	2,166	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	(D)	8	29	(D)	2,801
Peppers, other than bell	(D)	5	20	15	1,392
Cotton, all	(D)	8	9	(D)	635
Upland cotton	(D)	8	9	(D)	635
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	26,833	16	32	1,066	3,063
Horses and ponies	594	27	33	1,855	3,072
Goats, all	278	19	32	1,888	2,996
Layers	170	30	32	2,801	3,040
Sheep and lambs	(D)	(D)	32	(D)	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	31	Farming	113
\$1,000 to \$2,499	5	Other	58
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6	Male	153
\$10,000 to \$19,999	25	Female	18
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	14	White	288
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,605	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	120,495	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	22
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,407		
Average per farm (\$)	60,858		

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.