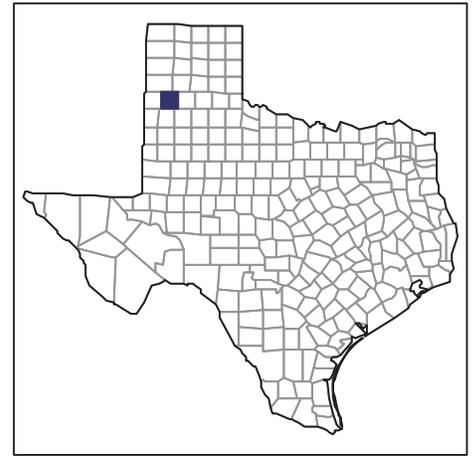


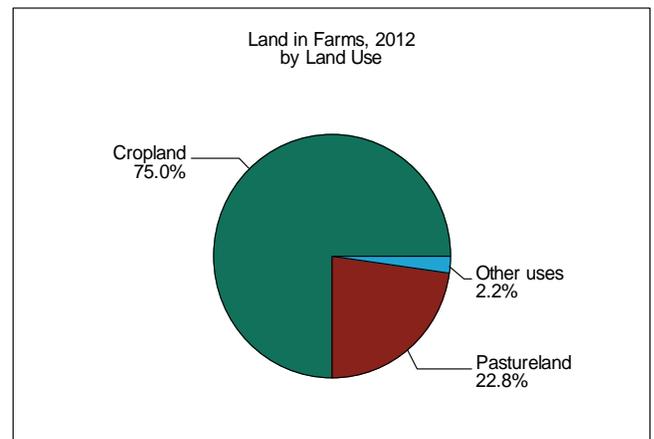
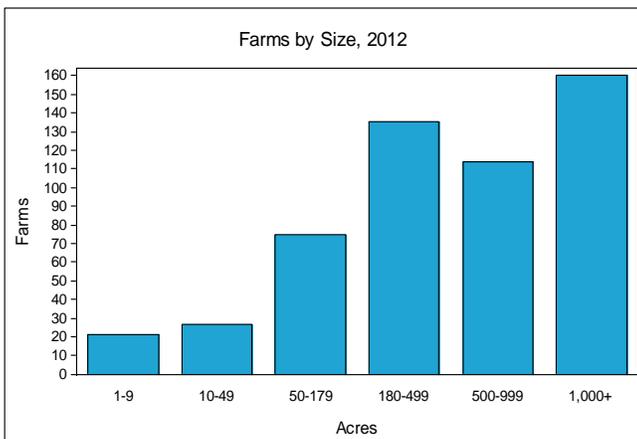
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Castro County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	532	485	+ 10
Land in Farms	548,142 acres	567,255 acres	- 3
Average Size of Farm	1,030 acres	1,170 acres	- 12
Market Value of Products Sold			
	\$1,312,140,000	\$973,352,000	+ 35
Crop Sales \$155,645,000 (12 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,156,495,000 (88 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$2,466,429	\$2,006,911	+ 23
Government Payments			
	\$10,759,000	\$11,405,000	- 6
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$25,137	\$30,173	- 17





Castro 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	1,312,140	3	254	19	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	155,645	6	253	363	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,156,495	3	254	10	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	119,433	3	238	380	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	28,232	16	165	52	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	82	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	7,688	22	252	382	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	235	241	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	998,027	3	254	4	3,056
Milk from cows	157,709	2	105	40	2,038
Hogs and pigs	73	50	227	1,338	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	626	42	251	265	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	53	221	254	2,241	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	236	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	72,485	5	163	444	2,638
Cotton, all	41,768	29	165	56	635
Upland cotton	41,768	29	165	52	635
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	30,278	59	252	598	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	29,904	34	201	366	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	435,989	2	254	5	3,063
Goats, all	598	177	250	1,041	2,996
Horses and ponies	524	182	254	1,995	3,072
Hogs and pigs	143	118	235	1,823	2,889
Layers	79	222	249	2,931	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	165	Farming	289
\$1,000 to \$2,499	11	Other	243
\$2,500 to \$4,999	12	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14	Male	485
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7	Female	47
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	53	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	40	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	149	White	761
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,267,986	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	2,383,432	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	36
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	69,721		
Average per farm (\$)	131,055		

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.