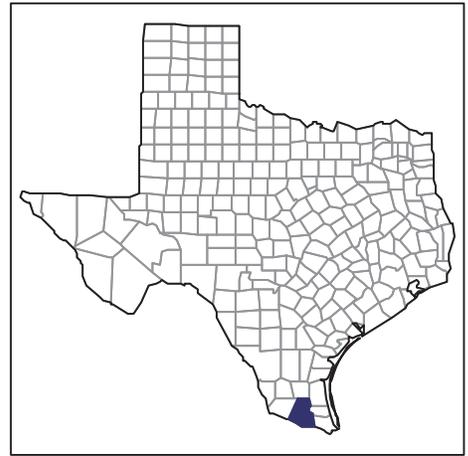


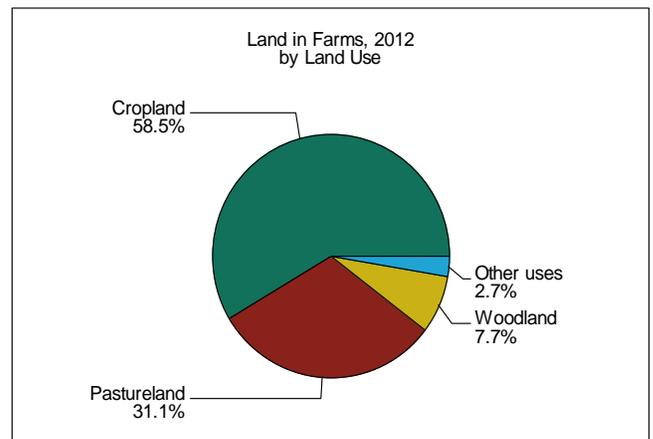
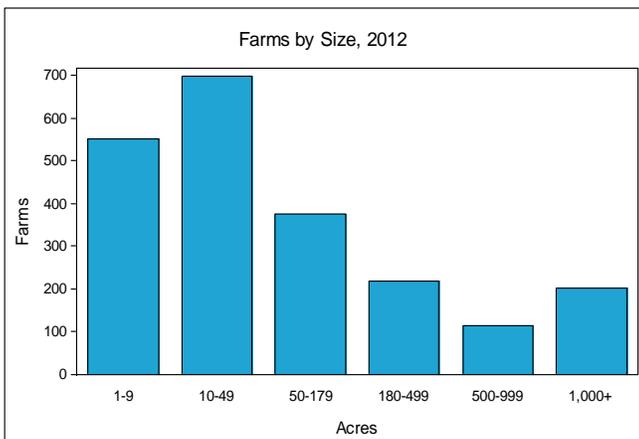
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Hidalgo County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	2,161	2,151	0
Land in Farms	795,180 acres	722,582 acres	+ 10
Average Size of Farm	368 acres	336 acres	+ 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$452,766,000	\$314,256,000	+ 44
Crop Sales \$415,208,000 (92 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$37,557,000 (8 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$209,517	\$146,098	+ 43
Government Payments	\$9,106,000	\$10,723,000	- 15
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$21,080	\$25,410	- 17





Hidalgo 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	452,766	14	254	130	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	415,208	1	253	46	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	37,557	89	254	1,101	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	100,579	7	238	474	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	34,634	12	165	38	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	157,454	1	199	20	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	58,381	1	215	61	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	17,986	17	165	168	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	46,175	2	252	57	3,049
Poultry and eggs	48	103	241	1,639	3,013
Cattle and calves	36,755	49	254	415	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	21	102	227	1,804	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	261	82	251	644	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	258	120	254	1,028	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	215	80	236	736	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sorghum for grain	170,770	1	177	1	1,220
Cotton, all	45,720	26	165	47	635
Upland cotton	45,720	26	165	43	635
Vegetables harvested, all	37,145	1	199	20	2,801
Corn for grain	32,206	16	163	773	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	36,433	105	254	773	3,063
Goats, all	4,798	46	250	70	2,996
Colonies of bees	3,436	15	177	212	2,761
Sheep and lambs	3,079	43	240	286	2,897
Layers	2,703	81	249	1,100	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	767	Farming	1,110
\$1,000 to \$2,499	272	Other	1,051
\$2,500 to \$4,999	224		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	181	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	142	Male	1,920
\$20,000 to \$24,999	53	Female	241
\$25,000 to \$39,999	82		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	39	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	94		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	93	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	67	American Indian or Alaska Native	21
\$500,000 or more	147	Asian	27
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	384,503	Black or African American	21
Average per farm (\$)	177,928	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	2,917
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	97,856	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	45,283	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2,130

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

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.