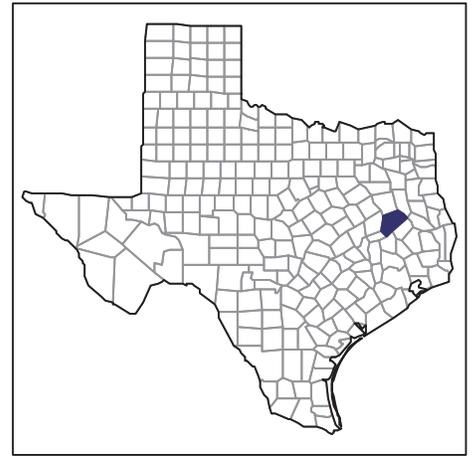


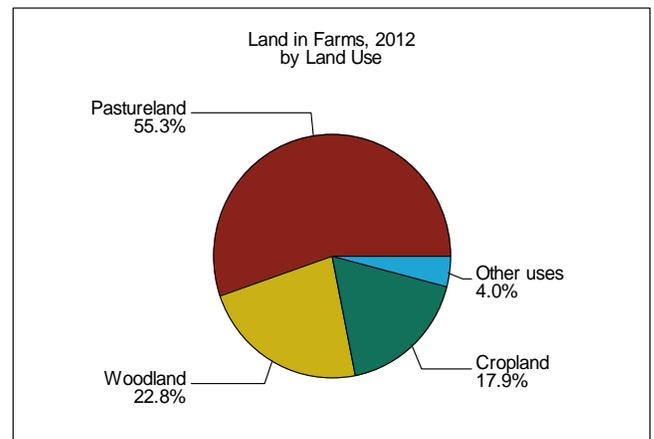
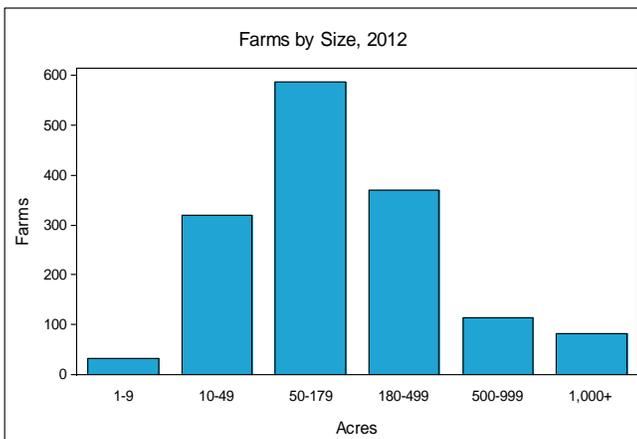
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Houston County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,505	1,562	- 4
Land in Farms	467,883 acres	440,462 acres	+ 6
Average Size of Farm	311 acres	282 acres	+ 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$49,581,000	\$40,654,000	+ 22
Crop Sales \$13,915,000 (28 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$35,665,000 (72 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$32,944	\$26,027	+ 27
Government Payments	\$1,461,000	\$410,000	+ 256
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,670	\$6,032	+ 11





Houston 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	49,581	117	254	1,774	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,915	117	253	1,920	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,665	94	254	1,153	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	238	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	1,719	97	165	384	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,714	30	199	525	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	43	215	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	161	165	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	46	46	1,526	1,530
Other crops and hay	6,945	35	252	427	3,049
Poultry and eggs	3,021	41	241	846	3,013
Cattle and calves	28,406	71	254	567	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	3,730	6	227	628	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	91	133	251	1,427	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	324	99	254	853	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	94	113	236	1,129	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	46,601	33	252	258	3,057
Cotton, all	1,894	114	165	422	635
Upland cotton	1,894	114	165	421	635
Pecans, all	1,737	30	214	89	1,263
Corn for grain	1,636	86	163	1,777	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	214,086	13	249	257	3,040
Cattle and calves	70,714	36	254	262	3,063
Hogs and pigs	9,102	7	235	651	2,889
Quail	(D)	17	116	(D)	944
Horses and ponies	2,346	54	254	361	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	394	Farming	751
\$1,000 to \$2,499	165	Other	754
\$2,500 to \$4,999	183		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	241	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	204	Male	1,302
\$20,000 to \$24,999	68	Female	203
\$25,000 to \$39,999	94		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	62.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	50	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	15
\$500,000 or more	14	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	58,327	Black or African American	362
Average per farm (\$)	38,756	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,829
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-3,561	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	-2,366	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	69

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.