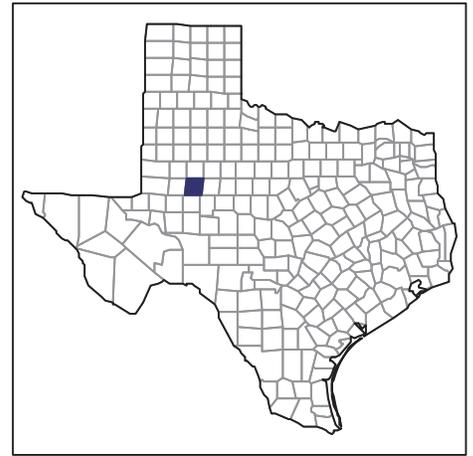


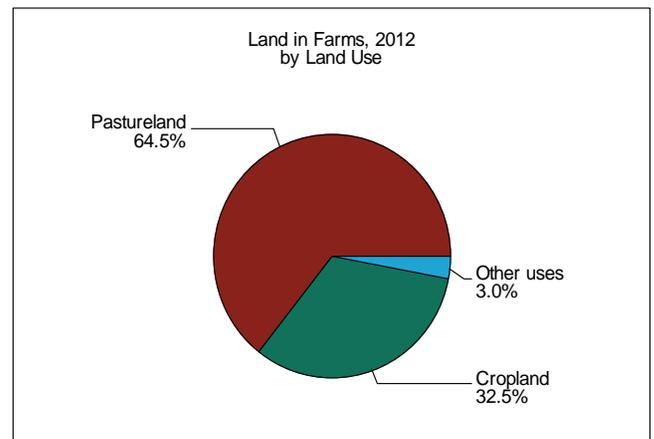
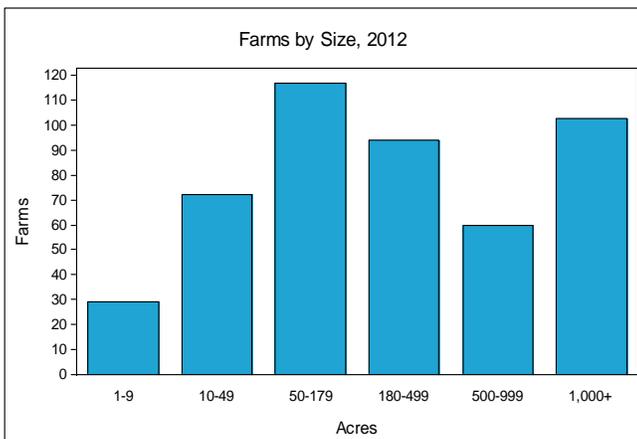
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Howard County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	475	519	- 8
Land in Farms	498,472 acres	522,791 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	1,049 acres	1,007 acres	+ 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$13,864,000	\$40,853,000	- 66
Crop Sales \$4,642,000 (33 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$9,222,000 (67 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$29,187	\$78,714	- 63
Government Payments	\$4,460,000	\$7,075,000	- 37
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,118	\$22,039	- 31





Howard 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	13,864	203	254	2,546	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,642	187	253	2,445	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,222	189	254	2,156	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	219	238	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	4,256	73	165	286	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	197	199	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	215	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	118	165	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	203	233	252	2,765	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	241	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	8,885	165	254	1,400	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	227	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	172	96	251	912	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	76	203	254	2,038	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	66	126	236	1,293	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cotton, all	20,886	47	165	134	635
Upland cotton	20,886	47	165	131	635
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,819	231	252	2,736	3,057
Oats for grain	(D)	(D)	104	(D)	1,825
Pecans, all	50	152	214	541	1,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	11,213	211	254	1,843	3,063
Sheep and lambs	1,526	70	240	601	2,897
Layers	734	142	249	2,100	3,040
Goats, all	643	170	250	960	2,996
Horses and ponies	480	192	254	2,092	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	299	Farming	232
\$1,000 to \$2,499	29	Other	243
\$2,500 to \$4,999	32	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	26	Male	410
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	Female	65
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	8	White	665
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,839	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	56,503	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	21
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-494		
Average per farm (\$)	-1,040		

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.