

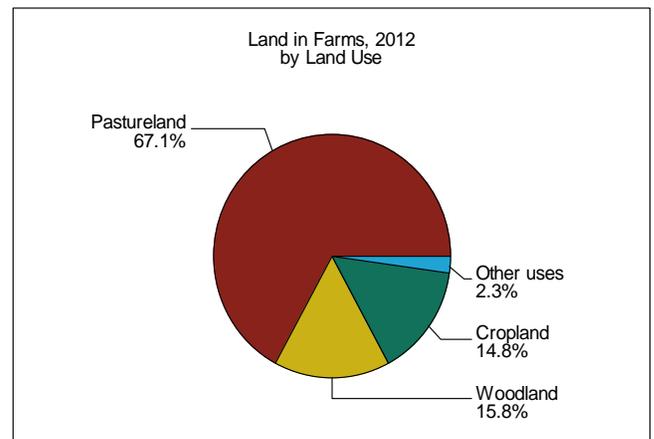
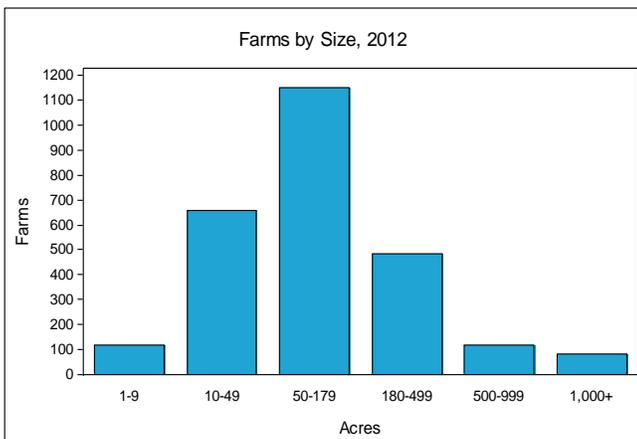
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Lavaca County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	2,617	2,747	- 5
<b>Land in Farms</b>	546,546 acres	566,648 acres	- 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	209 acres	206 acres	+ 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$61,904,000	\$58,934,000	+ 5
Crop Sales \$12,582,000 (20 percent) Livestock Sales \$49,322,000 (80 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$23,654	\$21,454	+ 10
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,440,000	\$714,000	+ 102
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$5,292	\$2,616	+ 102





## Lavaca County – Texas

### Ranked items among the 254 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	61,904	101	254	1,613	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,582	128	253	1,976	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,322	66	254	915	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,613	100	238	1,780	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	165	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	77	199	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,717	31	215	358	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	165	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	5,877	55	252	509	3,049
Poultry and eggs	14,543	29	241	524	3,013
Cattle and calves	31,113	60	254	508	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	105	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	98	38	227	1,260	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	98	127	251	1,368	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	790	50	254	330	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	15	91	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	236	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	51,358	24	252	198	3,057
Rice	3,089	12	20	84	146
Corn for grain	2,913	72	163	1,599	2,638
Pecans, all	(D)	25	214	77	1,263
Soybeans for beans	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	2,162
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	466,464	10	249	170	3,040
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	29	201	(D)	2,723
Cattle and calves	89,888	18	254	155	3,063
Roosters	18,855	9	163	122	2,120
Horses and ponies	1,115	114	254	1,057	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	413	Farming	1,065
\$1,000 to \$2,499	317	Other	1,552
\$2,500 to \$4,999	404		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	531	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	440	Male	2,311
\$20,000 to \$24,999	109	Female	306
\$25,000 to \$39,999	163		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	60	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	94		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	51	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	11
\$500,000 or more	20	Asian	16
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	71,610	Black or African American	76
Average per farm (\$)	27,363	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
		White	3,833
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-4,790	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	-1,830	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	140

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.