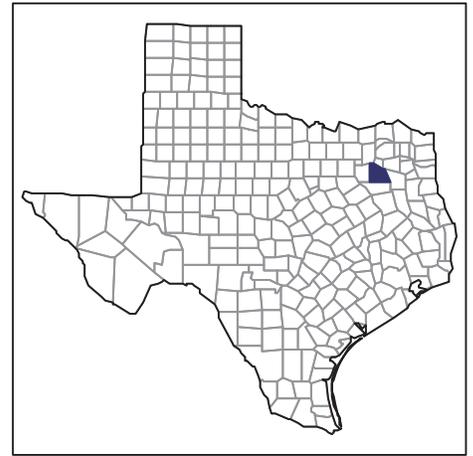


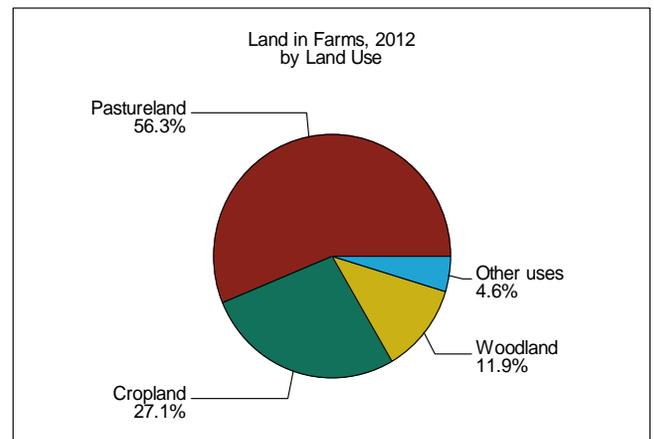
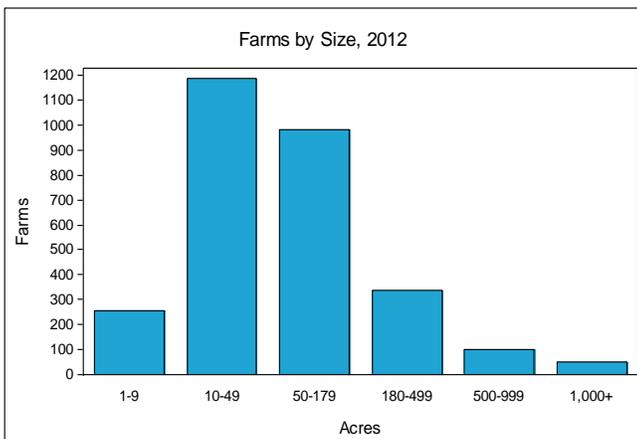
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Van Zandt County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	2,915	3,253	- 10
<b>Land in Farms</b>	370,603 acres	415,983 acres	- 11
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	127 acres	128 acres	- 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$94,330,000	\$95,161,000	- 1
Crop Sales \$47,241,000 (50 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$47,089,000 (50 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$32,360	\$29,253	+ 11
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$887,000	\$219,000	+ 305
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,438	\$2,128	+ 391





## Van Zandt 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	94,330	56	254	1,220	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	47,241	51	253	1,200	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	47,089	68	254	938	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	238	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	165	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,999	23	199	422	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,362	42	215	412	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	32,486	11	165	96	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	9,353	15	252	314	3,049
Poultry and eggs	100	81	241	1,398	3,013
Cattle and calves	26,030	77	254	618	3,056
Milk from cows	19,686	17	105	337	2,038
Hogs and pigs	24	95	227	1,720	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	287	75	251	589	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	863	44	254	297	3,011
Aquaculture	37	33	91	779	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	63	131	236	1,316	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	82,849	5	252	52	3,057
Nursery stock crops	1,660	4	127	45	2,077
Vegetables harvested, all	1,259	22	199	421	2,801
Sweet potatoes	747	1	21	24	682
Pecans, all	265	96	214	279	1,263
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	68,357	38	254	291	3,063
Layers	5,458	58	249	788	3,040
Horses and ponies	4,062	20	254	107	3,072
Goats, all	3,305	64	250	110	2,996
Mules, burros, and donkeys	1,044	6	253	7	2,991

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	836	Farming	1,272
\$1,000 to \$2,499	480	Other	1,643
\$2,500 to \$4,999	436		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	414	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	307	Male	2,489
\$20,000 to \$24,999	81	Female	426
\$25,000 to \$39,999	146		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	34	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	87		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	53	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	American Indian or Alaska Native	61
\$500,000 or more	19	Asian	12
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	97,743	Black or African American	53
Average per farm (\$)	33,531	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	4,185
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,680	More than one race	39
Average per farm (\$)	920	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	158

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.