

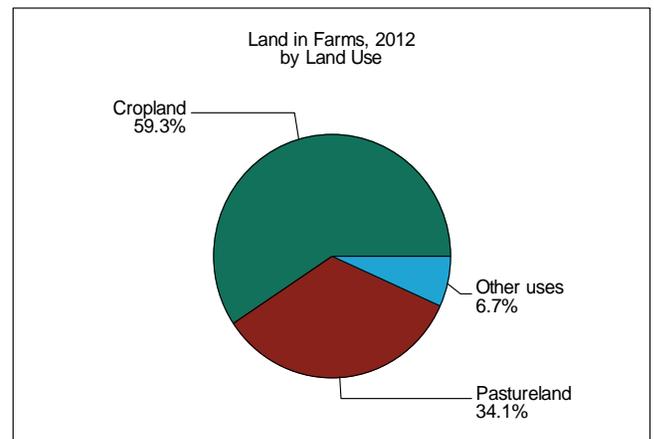
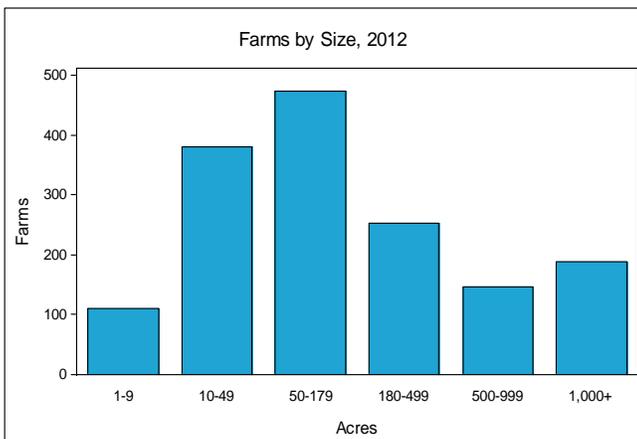
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Wharton County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,553	1,506	+ 3
Land in Farms	660,701 acres	615,851 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	425 acres	409 acres	+ 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$373,637,000	\$240,197,000	+ 56
Crop Sales \$270,754,000 (72 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$102,882,000 (28 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$240,590	\$159,493	+ 51
Government Payments	\$13,724,000	\$12,968,000	+ 6
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$16,696	\$19,530	- 15





Wharton 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	373,637	17	254	195	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	270,754	2	253	104	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	102,882	30	254	451	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	104,108	5	238	452	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	61,142	7	165	18	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	215	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	94,704	1	165	30	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	7,987	21	252	367	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	241	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	100	105	2,001	2,038
Hogs and pigs	10	129	227	2,092	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	34	187	251	2,162	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	412	88	254	685	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	6	91	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	69	124	236	1,278	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	73,686	4	163	431	2,638
Cotton, all	73,295	12	165	22	635
Upland cotton	73,295	12	165	20	635
Sorghum for grain	45,515	7	177	20	1,220
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	39,322	42	252	376	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	2	249	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	3	198	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	57,168	56	254	402	3,063
Horses and ponies	1,687	79	254	620	3,072
Goats, all	724	161	250	824	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	252	Farming	801
\$1,000 to \$2,499	181	Other	752
\$2,500 to \$4,999	153	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	198	Male	1,438
\$10,000 to \$19,999	144	Female	115
\$20,000 to \$24,999	52	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	95	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	54	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	82	Asian	10
\$100,000 to \$249,999	98	Black or African American	183
\$250,000 to \$499,999	100	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	144	White	2,068
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	307,221	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	197,824	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	138
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	102,633		
Average per farm (\$)	66,087		

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.