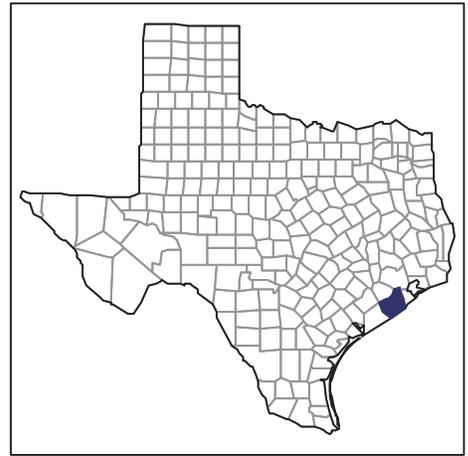


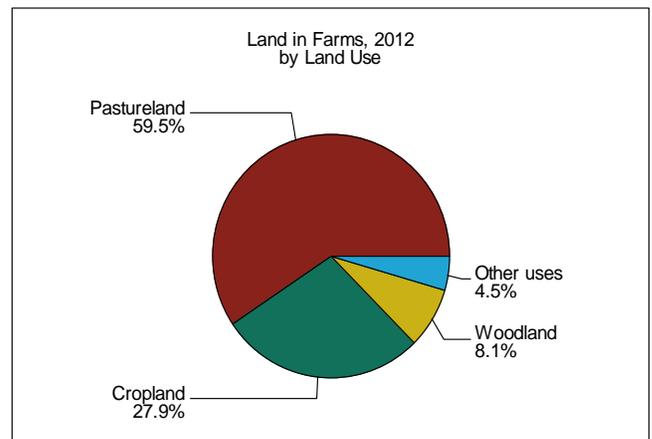
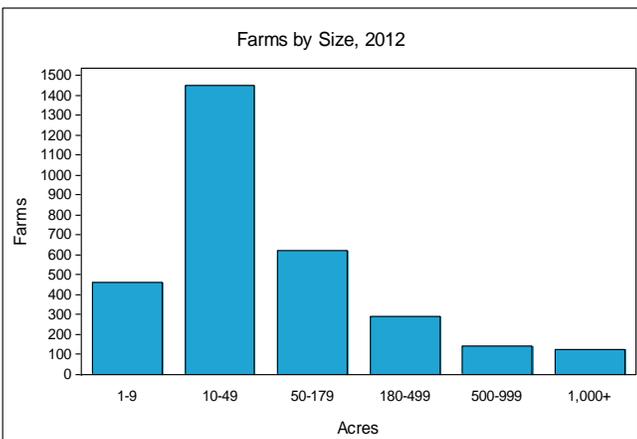
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Brazoria County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	3,091	2,580	+ 20
Land in Farms	631,021 acres	528,957 acres	+ 19
Average Size of Farm	204 acres	205 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$118,236,000	\$55,123,000	+ 114
Crop Sales \$71,568,000 (61 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$46,668,000 (39 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$38,252	\$21,365	+ 79
Government Payments	\$4,831,000	\$2,697,000	+ 79
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$16,544	\$17,176	- 4





Brazoria 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	118,236	42	254	1,005	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	71,568	29	253	891	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	46,668	69	254	951	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	35,898	27	238	999	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	1,957	94	165	371	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,327	13	199	303	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,957	10	215	251	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	17,010	18	165	177	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	26	19	46	661	1,530
Other crops and hay	7,393	28	252	404	3,049
Poultry and eggs	2,044	45	241	903	3,013
Cattle and calves	33,302	55	254	469	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	97	105	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	2,089	8	227	742	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	358	65	251	475	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	5	91	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,202	17	236	218	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	39,779	41	252	371	3,057
Sorghum for grain	17,644	32	177	97	1,220
Rice	15,437	4	20	47	146
Corn for grain	10,196	43	163	1,189	2,638
Cotton, all	3,200	103	165	370	635
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	21	249	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	78,907	23	254	197	3,063
Colonies of bees	5,045	11	177	155	2,761
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,879	36	201	662	2,723
Horses and ponies	4,572	15	254	80	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	1,134	Farming	1,124
\$1,000 to \$2,499	483	Other	1,967
\$2,500 to \$4,999	441	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	360	Male	2,640
\$10,000 to \$19,999	254	Female	451
\$20,000 to \$24,999	76	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	113	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	49	American Indian or Alaska Native	57
\$50,000 to \$99,999	73	Asian	83
\$100,000 to \$249,999	33	Black or African American	326
\$250,000 to \$499,999	34	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	41	White	4,126
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	123,023	More than one race	23
Average per farm (\$)	39,800	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	647
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,344		
Average per farm (\$)	1,729		

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.