

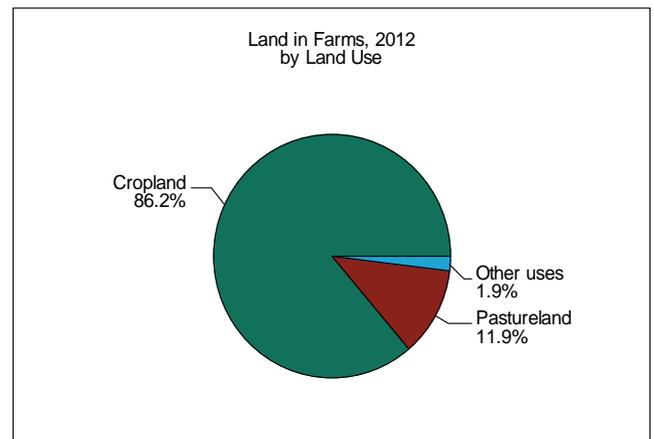
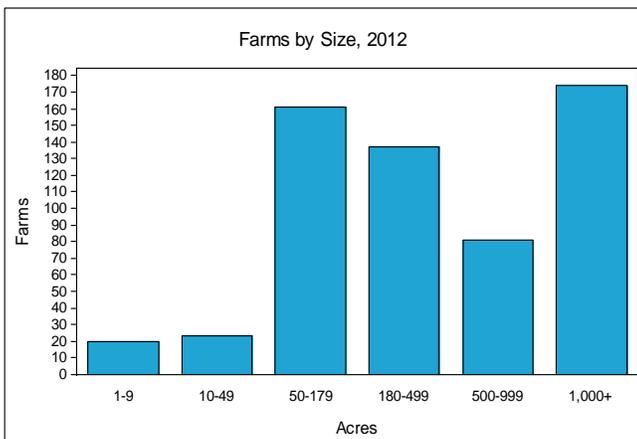
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

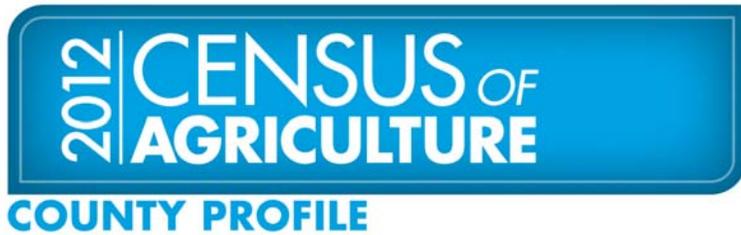
COUNTY PROFILE



Dawson County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	596	555	+ 7
Land in Farms	558,085 acres	568,036 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	936 acres	1,023 acres	- 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$73,129,000	\$112,342,000	- 35
Crop Sales \$70,918,000 (97 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,211,000 (3 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$122,699	\$202,418	- 39
Government Payments	\$11,185,000	\$18,924,000	- 41
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$20,411	\$40,008	- 49





Dawson 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	73,129	83	254	1,456	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	70,918	30	253	898	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,211	245	254	2,737	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	118	238	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	61,055	8	165	19	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	199	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	215	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	158	165	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	6,288	51	252	481	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	237	241	2,994	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,976	242	254	2,338	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	227	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	31	190	251	2,204	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	101	108	236	1,095	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cotton, all	172,113	4	165	4	635
Upland cotton	172,113	4	165	4	635
Sorghum for grain	5,779	68	177	175	1,220
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,660	182	252	2,136	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	4,860	97	201	992	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	2,287	253	254	2,697	3,063
Hogs and pigs	364	60	235	1,357	2,889
Goats, all	254	206	250	1,963	2,996
Elk	204	4	87	35	608
Horses and ponies	157	244	254	2,849	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	353	Farming	328
\$1,000 to \$2,499	4	Other	268
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	4	Male	444
\$10,000 to \$19,999	14	Female	152
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	64.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	47	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	45	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	51	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	41	White	815
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	82,517	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	138,452	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	50
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29,364		
Average per farm (\$)	49,268		

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.