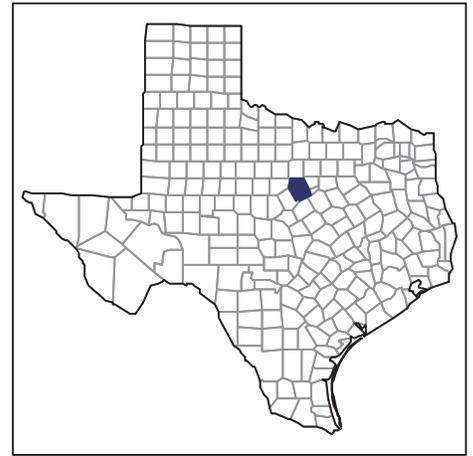


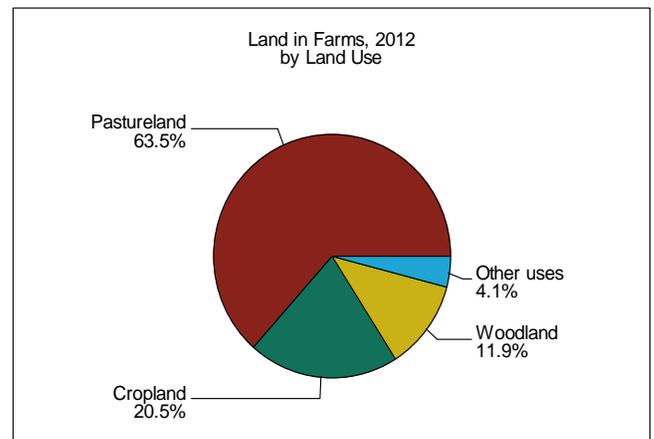
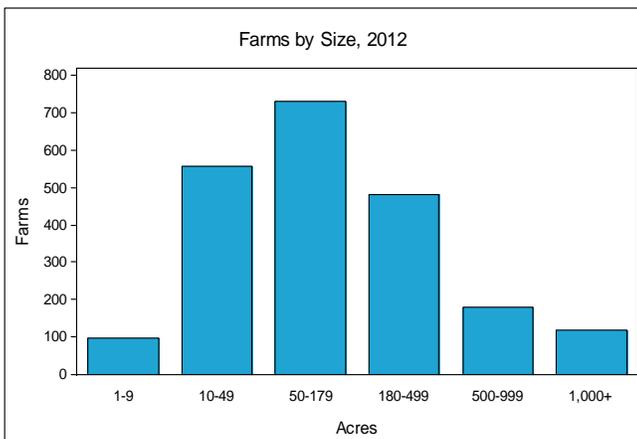
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Erath County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	2,161	2,189	- 1
<b>Land in Farms</b>	607,550 acres	622,923 acres	- 2
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	281 acres	285 acres	- 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$256,445,000	\$250,192,000	+ 2
Crop Sales \$18,473,000 (7 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$237,972,000 (93 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$118,669	\$114,295	+ 4
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$1,814,000	\$1,087,000	+ 67
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$9,858	\$5,602	+ 76





## Erath 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	256,445	21	254	373	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,473	99	253	1,746	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	237,972	18	254	135	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,012	130	238	2,051	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	367	133	165	528	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	48	145	199	2,179	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,393	41	215	404	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,499	33	165	330	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	7,154	30	252	414	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	105	241	1,648	3,013
Cattle and calves	63,623	28	254	218	3,056
Milk from cows	170,422	1	105	34	2,038
Hogs and pigs	64	56	227	1,374	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	837	31	251	192	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,358	10	254	68	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	66	91	1,218	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	622	29	236	365	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	70,709	7	252	76	3,057
Sorghum for silage	5,198	6	109	14	1,076
Wheat for grain, all	2,168	120	201	1,322	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	2,168	119	201	1,253	2,480
Pecans, all	1,300	41	214	113	1,263
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	120,843	13	254	86	3,063
Goats, all	7,531	33	250	44	2,996
Horses and ponies	4,907	11	254	65	3,072
Layers	3,084	77	249	1,023	3,040
Sheep and lambs	1,678	65	240	564	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	523	Farming	964
\$1,000 to \$2,499	294	Other	1,197
\$2,500 to \$4,999	271	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	377	Male	1,855
\$10,000 to \$19,999	272	Female	306
\$20,000 to \$24,999	67	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	85	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36	American Indian or Alaska Native	47
\$50,000 to \$99,999	81	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	68	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
\$500,000 or more	56	White	3,234
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	230,736	More than one race	37
Average per farm (\$)	106,773	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	169
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,102		
Average per farm (\$)	15,318		

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.