

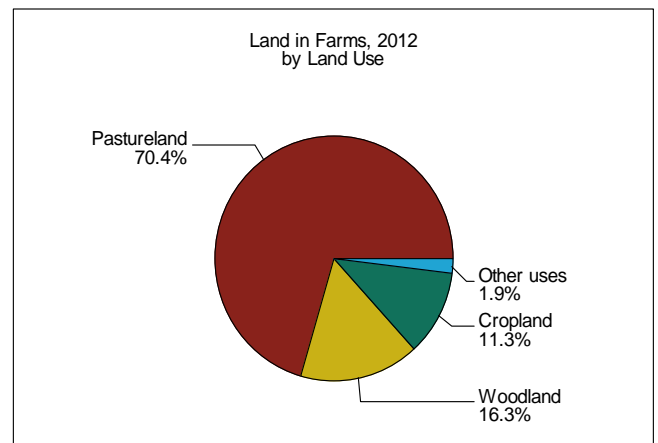
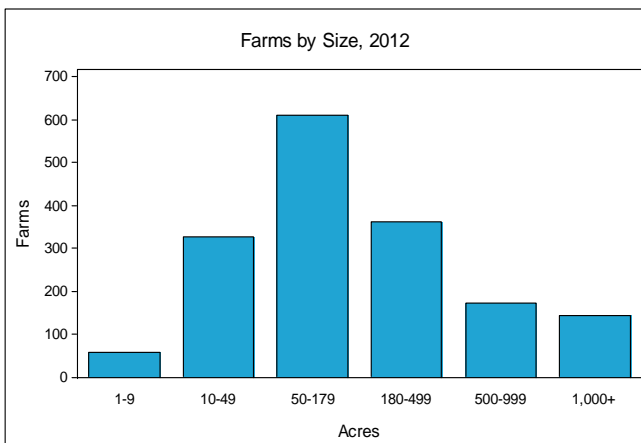
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Gonzales County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,674	1,861	- 10
Land in Farms	609,790 acres	654,077 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	364 acres	351 acres	+ 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$517,760,000	\$404,019,000	+ 28
Crop Sales \$23,246,000 (4 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$494,513,000 (96 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$309,295	\$217,098	+ 42
Government Payments	\$1,202,000	\$441,000	+ 173
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,645	\$4,079	+ 38





Gonzales 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	517,760	12	254	102	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	23,246	88	253	1,627	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	494,513	8	254	45	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,689	108	238	1,857	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	165	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	647	60	199	1,004	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	215	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	23	165	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	4,361	71	252	672	3,049
Poultry and eggs	402,262	2	241	9	3,013
Cattle and calves	91,511	20	254	144	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	171	24	227	1,123	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	66	156	251	1,712	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	327	98	254	845	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	176	87	236	817	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	36,573	47	252	444	3,057
Sod harvested	(D)	3	39	9	690
Corn for grain	3,198	70	163	1,566	2,638
Pecans, all	(D)	17	214	63	1,263
Sorghum for grain	1,475	102	177	324	1,220
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	14,173,828	3	201	10	2,723
Layers	5,262,354	1	249	8	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	1,241,916	1	198	10	2,637
Cattle and calves	114,100	14	254	93	3,063
Roosters	67,860	3	163	23	2,120

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	325	Farming	771
\$1,000 to \$2,499	159	Other	903
\$2,500 to \$4,999	209	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	245	Male	1,470
\$10,000 to \$19,999	213	Female	204
\$20,000 to \$24,999	61	Average age of principal operator (years)	62.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	120	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	43	American Indian or Alaska Native	17
\$50,000 to \$99,999	105	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	66	Black or African American	97
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	113	White	2,423
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	431,079	More than one race	12
Average per farm (\$)	257,514	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	216
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	90,931		
Average per farm (\$)	54,320		

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.