

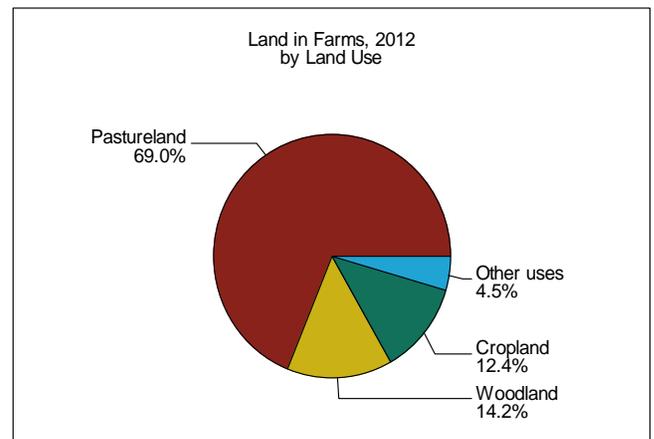
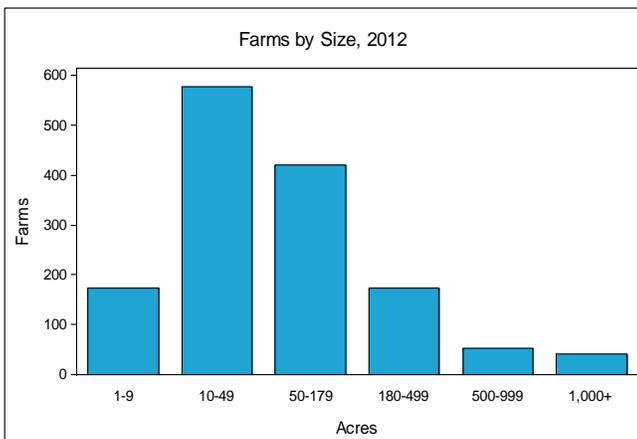
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Hays County Texas

|  | 2012          | 2007          | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Number of Farms</b>                   | 1,439         | 1,136         | + 27     |
| <b>Land in Farms</b>                     | 245,006 acres | 235,568 acres | + 4      |
| <b>Average Size of Farm</b>              | 170 acres     | 207 acres     | - 18     |
| <b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>     | \$14,970,000  | \$11,452,000  | + 31     |
| Crop Sales \$7,313,000 (49 percent)      |               |               |          |
| Livestock Sales \$7,657,000 (51 percent) |               |               |          |
| Average Per Farm                         | \$10,403      | \$10,081      | + 3      |
| <b>Government Payments</b>               | \$469,000     | \$248,000     | + 89     |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments      | \$7,211       | \$6,040       | + 19     |





## Hays 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                             | 14,970   | 198        | 254                   | 2,510     | 3,077                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                       | 7,313    | 168        | 253                   | 2,254     | 3,072                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                       | 7,657    | 198        | 254                   | 2,265     | 3,076                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                    |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                             | 2,539    | 124        | 238                   | 1,977     | 2,926                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 436                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | (D)      | (D)        | 165                   | (D)       | 635                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                      | (D)      | (D)        | 199                   | (D)       | 2,802                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 425      | 96         | 215                   | 774       | 2,724                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                            | 2,671    | 50         | 165                   | 651       | 2,678                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                    | -        | -          | 46                    | -         | 1,530                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 827      | 188        | 252                   | 2,074     | 3,049                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 60       | 93         | 241                   | 1,561     | 3,013                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 4,656    | 212        | 254                   | 1,867     | 3,056                 |
| Milk from cows  | -        | -          | 105                   | -         | 2,038                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 27       | 91         | 227                   | 1,682     | 2,827                 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk                                  | (D)      | 52         | 251                   | (D)       | 2,988                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                            | 1,222    | 30         | 254                   | 193       | 3,011                 |
| Aquaculture   | (D)      | 13         | 91                    | (D)       | 1,366                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                               | 584      | 31         | 236                   | 380       | 2,924                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 6,891    | 165        | 252                   | 1,967     | 3,057                 |
| Corn for grain  | 2,585    | 75         | 163                   | 1,638     | 2,638                 |
| Wheat for grain, all  | 2,331    | 119        | 201                   | 1,295     | 2,537                 |
| Winter wheat for grain  | 2,331    | 118        | 201                   | 1,226     | 2,480                 |
| Cotton, all   | (D)      | 115        | 165                   | 425       | 635                   |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                         |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 14,853   | 186        | 254                   | 1,600     | 3,063                 |
| Goats, all  | 8,621    | 28         | 250                   | 37        | 2,996                 |
| Layers  | 4,138    | 66         | 249                   | 878       | 3,040                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 2,194    | 60         | 254                   | 400       | 3,072                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 1,650    | 66         | 240                   | 568       | 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                           | 672      | Farming   | 493      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 241      | Other   | 946      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 177      |   |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 166      | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 90       | Male  | 1,147    |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 21       | Female  | 292      |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 23       |   |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 9        | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 60.2     |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 18       |   |          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 12       | All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :                              |          |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 1        | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 7        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 9        | Asian   | 6        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 31,631   | Black or African American   | 32       |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 21,981   | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
|   |          | White   | 2,182    |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | -13,383  | More than one race  | 9        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | -9,300   | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup> | 196      |

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.