

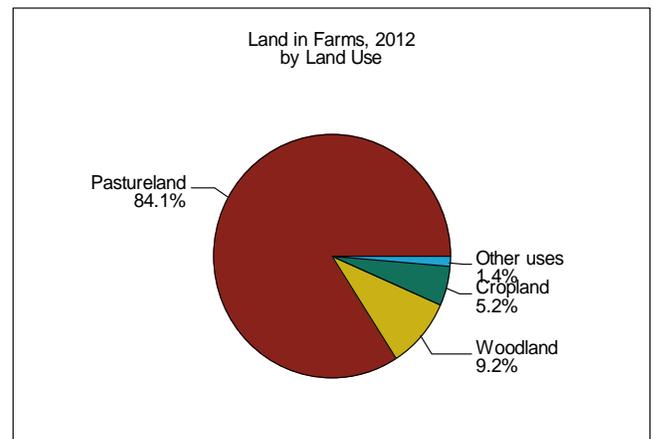
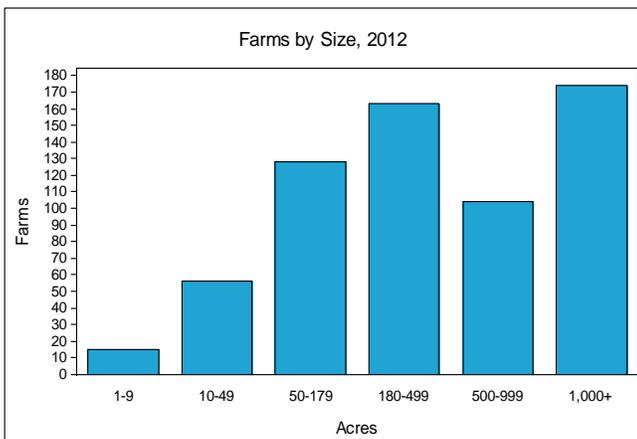
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Mason County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	640	647	- 1
Land in Farms	551,268 acres	536,402 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	861 acres	829 acres	+ 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$51,449,000	\$48,044,000	+ 7
Crop Sales \$4,996,000 (10 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$46,453,000 (90 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$80,390	\$74,256	+ 8
Government Payments	\$1,749,000	\$720,000	+ 143
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,408	\$4,895	+ 72





Mason 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	51,449	114	254	1,750	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,996	184	253	2,420	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	46,453	70	254	953	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	133	196	238	2,624	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	165	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,831	13	215	262	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	165	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,786	142	252	1,437	3,049
Poultry and eggs	543	57	241	1,082	3,013
Cattle and calves	44,550	38	254	317	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	227	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	531	51	251	316	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	431	83	254	653	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	46	236	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,395	175	252	2,030	3,057
Pecans, all	3,136	9	214	39	1,263
Field and grass seed crops, all	715	1	53	105	583
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	166	201	(D)	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	166	201	(D)	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Quail	(D)	3	116	11	944
Cattle and calves	34,357	115	254	833	3,063
Goats, all	5,873	39	250	60	2,996
Sheep and lambs	2,602	51	240	349	2,897
Horses and ponies	696	157	254	1,668	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	150	Farming	313
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54	Other	327
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	95	Male	547
\$10,000 to \$19,999	82	Female	93
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Average age of principal operator (years)	63.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	65	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	14	White	980
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	69,369	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	108,389	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	27
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-12,517		
Average per farm (\$)	-19,557		

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.