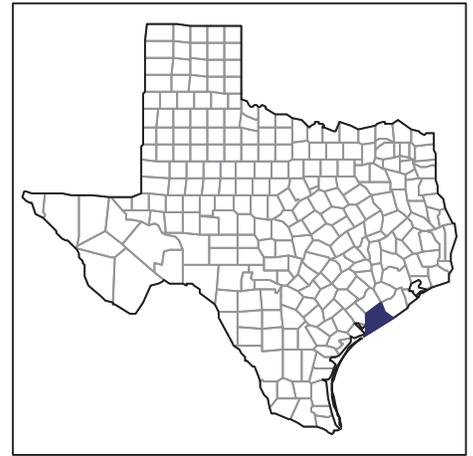


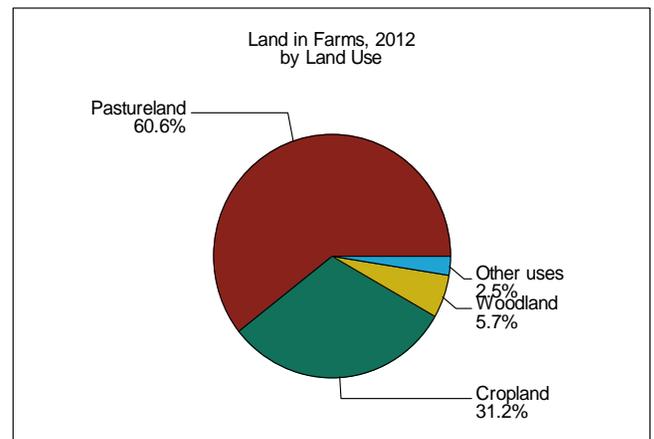
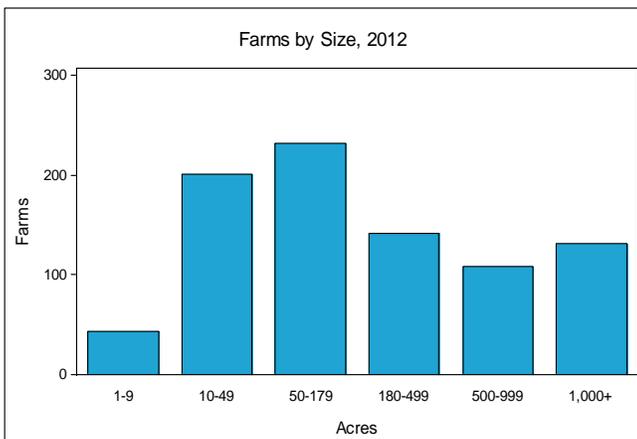
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

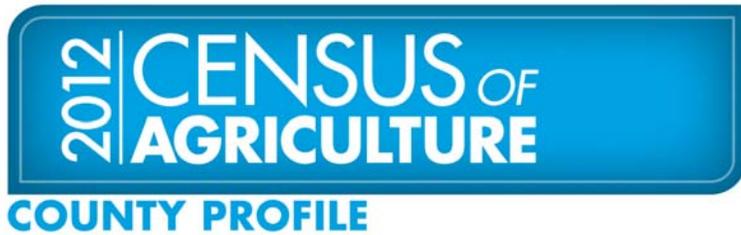
COUNTY PROFILE



Matagorda County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	856	903	- 5
Land in Farms	568,055 acres	577,594 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	664 acres	640 acres	+ 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$129,703,000	\$106,756,000	+ 21
Crop Sales \$77,024,000 (59 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$52,679,000 (41 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$151,522	\$118,224	+ 28
Government Payments	\$5,271,000	\$5,890,000	- 11
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$17,807	\$21,339	- 17





Matagorda 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	129,703	38	254	920	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	77,024	24	253	834	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	52,679	58	254	868	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	38,349	25	238	966	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	13,968	34	165	130	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	29	163	199	2,357	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,245	20	215	297	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	20,181	16	165	151	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,252	126	252	1,232	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	241	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	21,275	94	254	764	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	92	105	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	2	183	227	2,554	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	62	162	251	1,757	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	145	158	254	1,523	3,011
Aquaculture	31,102	1	91	11	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	41	150	236	1,540	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sorghum for grain	31,264	12	177	42	1,220
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,368	94	252	950	3,057
Cotton, all	19,266	49	165	144	635
Upland cotton	19,266	49	165	141	635
Corn for grain	18,857	27	163	996	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	53,283	62	254	458	3,063
Layers	1,210	126	249	1,715	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,141	110	254	1,025	3,072
Goats, all	860	148	250	684	2,996
Sheep and lambs	304	154	240	1,814	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	207	Farming	408
\$1,000 to \$2,499	50	Other	448
\$2,500 to \$4,999	67	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	115	Male	768
\$10,000 to \$19,999	113	Female	88
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	54	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60	Asian	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	Black or African American	75
\$250,000 to \$499,999	39	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5
\$500,000 or more	66	White	1,156
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	123,328	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	144,074	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	82
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,669		
Average per farm (\$)	29,987		

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.