

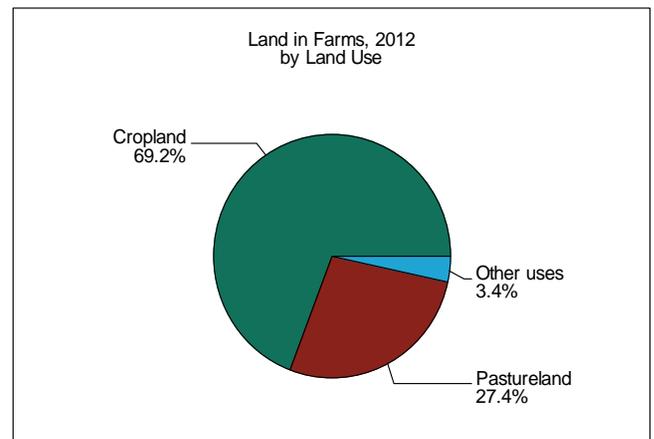
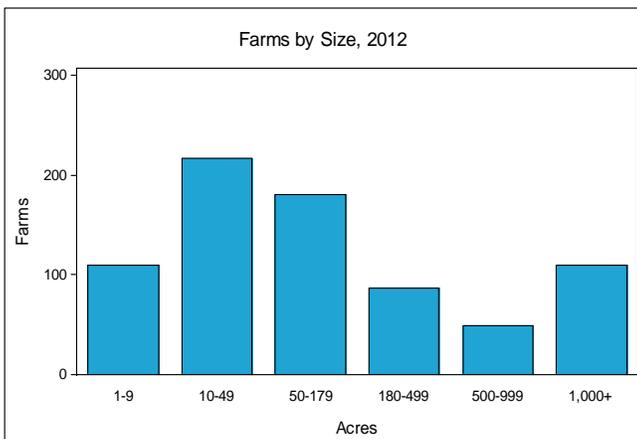
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Nueces County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	754	712	+ 6
Land in Farms	523,933 acres	509,196 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	695 acres	715 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$84,868,000	\$110,905,000	- 23
Crop Sales \$78,243,000 (92 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,626,000 (8 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$112,558	\$155,766	- 28
Government Payments	\$5,340,000	\$9,869,000	- 46
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$20,382	\$36,962	- 45





Nueces 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	84,868	67	254	1,317	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	78,243	23	253	822	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,626	213	254	2,354	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	45,385	20	238	890	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	22	165	(D)	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	236	81	199	1,432	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	72	167	215	1,595	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	25	165	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	617	198	252	2,285	3,049
Poultry and eggs	25	135	241	1,951	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	117	34	227	1,215	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	50	170	251	1,913	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	104	180	254	1,809	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	7	91	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	110	102	236	1,042	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sorghum for grain	147,425	2	177	2	1,220
Cotton, all	65,950	16	165	26	635
Upland cotton	65,950	16	165	24	635
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,855	154	252	1,858	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	4,077	103	201	1,072	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	12,306	205	254	1,776	3,063
Horses and ponies	848	142	254	1,406	3,072
Goats, all	788	153	250	746	2,996
Layers	586	151	249	2,263	3,040
Sheep and lambs	420	129	240	1,578	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	279	Farming	274
\$1,000 to \$2,499	89	Other	480
\$2,500 to \$4,999	81	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Male	661
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Female	93
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	32	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	Black or African American	4
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	36	White	1,052
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	95,452	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	126,594	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	310
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,135		
Average per farm (\$)	21,399		

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.