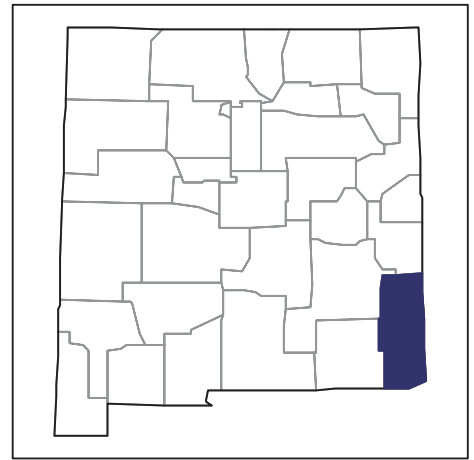


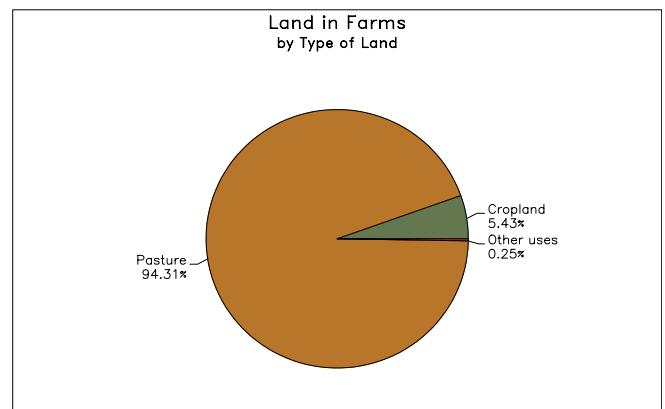
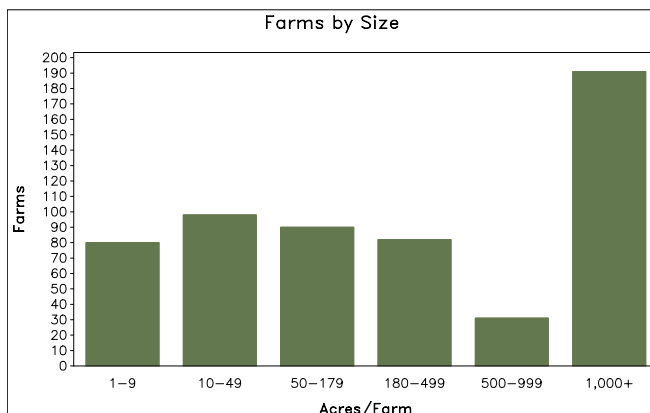
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County Profile

Lea County New Mexico



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	572	554	+ 3
Land in Farms	2,365,168 acres	2,258,353 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	4,135 acres	4,076 acres	+ 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$93,644,000	\$98,298,000	- 5
Crop Sales \$17,037,000 (18 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$76,607,000 (82 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$163,713	\$177,433	- 8
Government Payments	\$3,237,000	\$2,841,000	+ 14
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$20,884	\$17,754	+ 18



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County Profile

Lea County – New Mexico

Ranked items among the 33 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	93,644	7	33	948	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,037	9	33	1,560	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	76,607	6	32	534	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,850	11	30	1,814	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	4,895	2	10	200	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	5	29	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	9	29	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	8	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	6,064	6	31	267	3,054
Poultry and eggs	26	16	32	2,012	3,020
Cattle and calves	28,976	6	32	440	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	46,814	5	26	160	2,493
Hogs and pigs	18	7	31	2,017	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	194	10	32	645	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	548	5	32	442	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	10	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	30	15	31	1,599	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,727	11	32	1,402	3,060
Cotton, all	12,089	2	10	206	627
Wheat for grain, all	3,665	6	21	1,117	2,481
Corn for silage	3,022	7	19	485	2,263
Peanuts for nuts	(D)	2	3	113	347
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	82,199	6	32	217	3,060
Sheep and lambs	2,304	10	32	432	2,891
Horses and ponies	2,067	7	33	524	3,066
Layers	1,010	13	32	1,622	3,024
Goats, all	645	10	32	1,190	3,023

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	229	Farming	230
\$1,000 to \$2,499	42	Other	342
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Male	486
\$10,000 to \$19,999	32	Female	86
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	American Indian or Alaska Native	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	Black or African American	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	25	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	31	White	804
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	86,340	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	150,944	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	70
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,419		
Average per farm (\$)	21,711		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.