

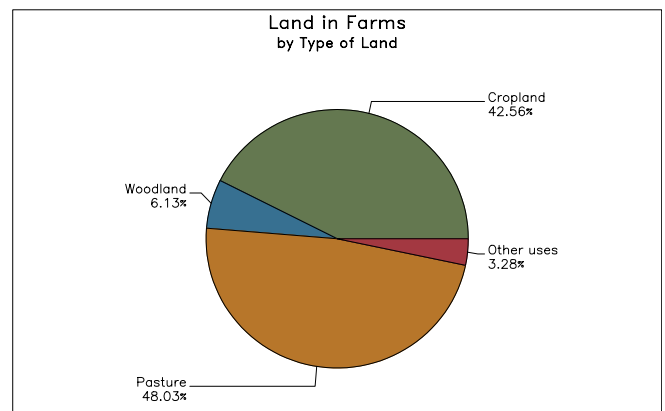
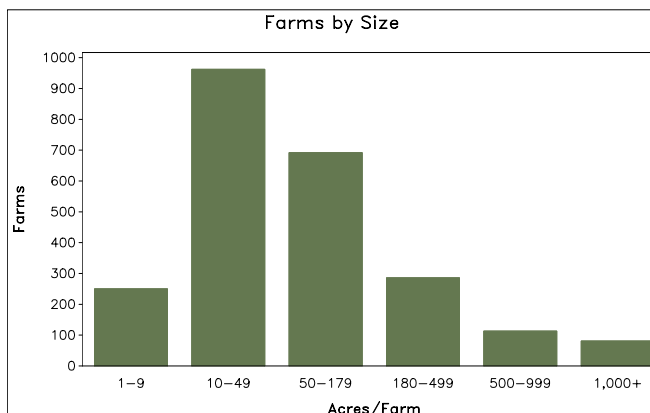
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile

### Bell County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	2,384	2,080	+ 15
<b>Land in Farms</b>	431,945 acres	450,923 acres	- 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	181 acres	217 acres	- 17
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$61,748,000	\$40,832,000	+ 51
Crop Sales \$31,955,000 (52 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$29,792,000 (48 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$25,901	\$19,631	+ 32
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,176,000	\$1,271,000	+ 71
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$5,120	\$4,353	+ 18



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Ranked items among the 254 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	61,748	76	254	1,364	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	31,955	60	253	1,162	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	29,792	93	254	1,195	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	25,074	26	244	893	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	1,013	96	161	357	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	116	130	199	1,767	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,949	15	229	306	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	200	109	176	1,792	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	6	60	80	1,267	1,710
Other crops and hay	3,599	66	252	468	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	240	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	22,463	81	254	595	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	158	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	307	16	235	1,129	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	252	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	715	39	253	313	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	101	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	249	56	232	600	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	61,766	11	183	510	2,634
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	44,172	36	253	375	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	15,683	60	199	564	2,481
Sorghum for grain	13,096	53	187	143	1,158
Pecans, all	3,317	10	231	43	1,315
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	(D)	3	167	(D)	2,371
Cattle and calves	52,118	94	254	540	3,060
Goats, all	12,547	23	252	25	3,023
Layers	4,489	57	246	812	3,024
Horses and ponies	3,447	30	254	190	3,066

### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	846	Farming	862
\$1,000 to \$2,499	366	Other	1,522
\$2,500 to \$4,999	296	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	294	Male	2,100
\$10,000 to \$19,999	218	Female	284
\$20,000 to \$24,999	59	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	105	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	45	American Indian or Alaska Native	43
\$50,000 to \$99,999	70	Asian	10
\$100,000 to \$249,999	44	Black or African American	77
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9
\$500,000 or more	25	White	3,376
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	57,465	More than one race	24
Average per farm (\$)	24,105	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	118
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,453		
Average per farm (\$)	3,965		

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.

<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.