

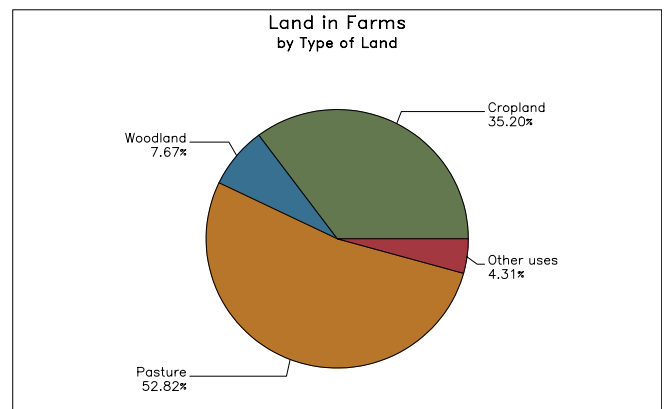
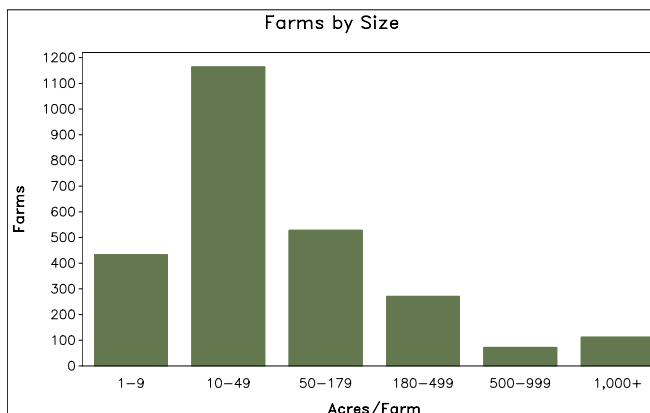
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Brazoria County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	2,580	2,455	+ 5
Land in Farms	528,957 acres	613,891 acres	- 14
Average Size of Farm	205 acres	250 acres	- 18
Market Value of Products Sold	\$55,123,000	\$47,422,000	+ 16
Crop Sales \$30,175,000 (55 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$24,948,000 (45 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$21,365	\$19,317	+ 11
Government Payments	\$2,697,000	\$3,163,000	- 15
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$17,176	\$21,371	- 20



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Ranked items among the 254 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	55,123	91	254	1,472	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,175	65	253	1,210	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	24,948	105	254	1,346	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11,590	53	244	1,180	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	969	97	161	361	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,653	24	199	496	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	719	50	229	563	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,225	19	176	269	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	157	16	80	295	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,863	87	252	597	3,054
Poultry and eggs	1,494	44	240	931	3,020
Cattle and calves	19,905	90	254	684	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	30	116	158	2,188	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,076	8	235	891	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	247	65	252	526	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	379	75	253	635	3,024
Aquaculture	1,153	6	101	189	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	664	23	232	304	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,841	77	253	856	3,060
Sorghum for grain	14,322	49	187	135	1,158
Corn for grain	10,450	45	183	1,156	2,634
Rice	8,984	6	20	62	135
Cotton, all	3,215	91	161	340	627
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	(D)	246	(D)	3,024
Cattle and calves	78,560	44	254	235	3,060
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	28	197	(D)	2,627
Colonies of bees	12,065	2	178	42	2,640
Horses and ponies	5,367	14	254	63	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	1,089	Farming	869
\$1,000 to \$2,499	391	Other	1,711
\$2,500 to \$4,999	330	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	275	Male	2,201
\$10,000 to \$19,999	170	Female	379
\$20,000 to \$24,999	60	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	90	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	American Indian or Alaska Native	72
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71	Asian	41
\$100,000 to \$249,999	41	Black or African American	253
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	23	White	3,565
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	70,991	More than one race	50
Average per farm (\$)	27,516	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	347
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-10,770		
Average per farm (\$)	-4,174		

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.