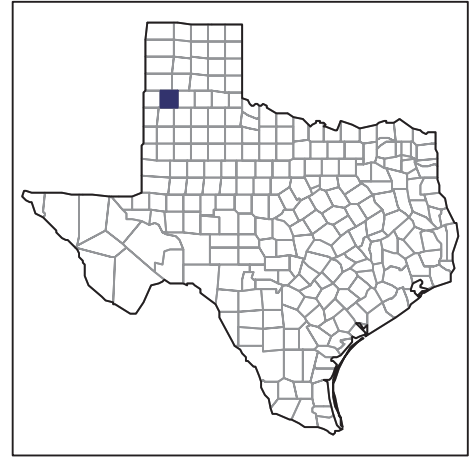


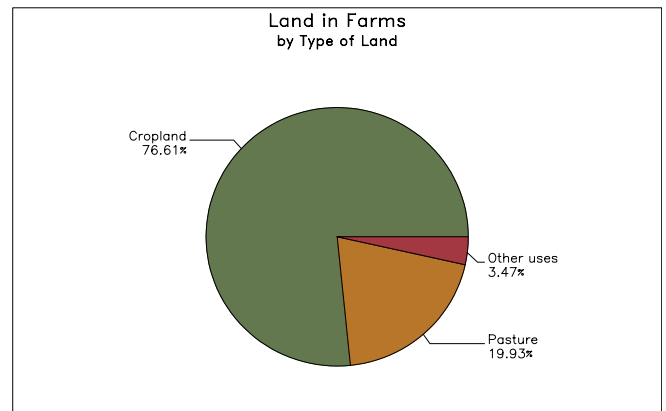
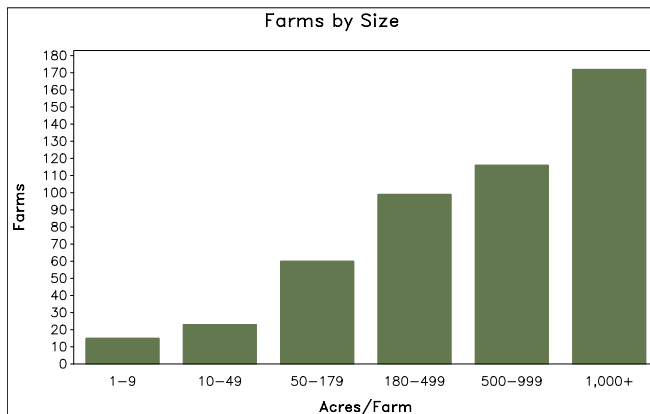
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile

### Castro County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	485	535	- 9
<b>Land in Farms</b>	567,255 acres	563,538 acres	+ 1
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	1,170 acres	1,053 acres	+ 11
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$973,352,000	\$592,642,000	+ 64
Crop Sales \$146,866,000 (15 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$826,485,000 (85 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$2,006,911	\$1,107,742	+ 81
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$11,405,000	\$8,959,000	+ 27
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$30,173	\$24,545	+ 23



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### Castro County – Texas

#### 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	973,352	2	254	22	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	146,866	6	253	169	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	826,485	2	254	11	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	121,621	2	244	134	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	19,070	26	161	64	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	229	-	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	176	-	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	252	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	1	231	240	2,959	3,020
Cattle and calves	732,715	2	254	3	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	5	158	70	2,493
Hogs and pigs	118	43	235	1,343	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	4	252	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	32	224	253	2,439	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	101	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	226	232	(D)	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	98,414	3	183	293	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	84,940	14	199	199	2,481
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	34,467	54	253	585	3,060
Cotton, all	30,484	36	161	87	627
Sorghum for grain	24,212	28	187	98	1,158
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	530,890	2	254	5	3,060
Sheep and lambs	(D)	15	244	(D)	2,891
Horses and ponies	436	211	254	2,376	3,066
Hogs and pigs	323	52	244	1,587	2,958
Goats, all	187	226	252	2,302	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	138	Farming	325
\$1,000 to \$2,499	5	Other	160
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	15	Male	438
\$10,000 to \$19,999	8	Female	47
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	36	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	58	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	159	White	693
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	860,692	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	1,774,623	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	21
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	132,325		
Average per farm (\$)	272,836		

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.