

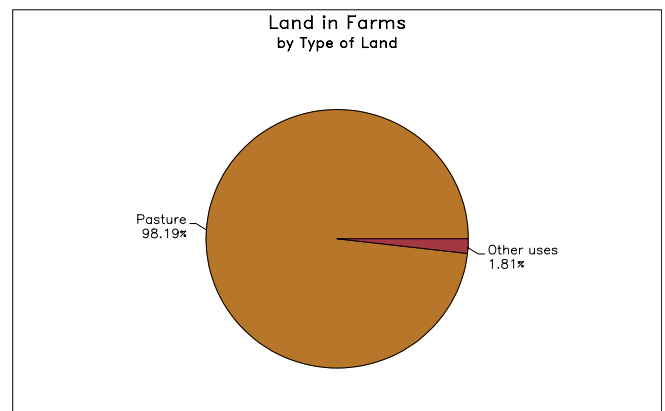
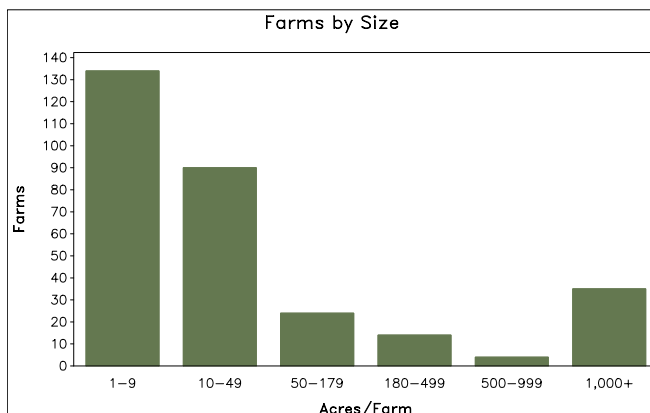
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Ector County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	301	287	+ 5
Land in Farms	423,919 acres	503,781 acres	- 16
Average Size of Farm	1,408 acres	1,755 acres	- 20
Market Value of Products Sold	\$3,559,000	\$1,873,000	+ 90
Crop Sales \$979,000 (28 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,580,000 (72 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$11,824	\$6,525	+ 81
Government Payments	\$109,000	\$236,000	- 54
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,394	\$13,876	- 40



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Ector County – Texas

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	3,559	247	254	2,885	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	979	228	253	2,802	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,580	240	254	2,706	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5	229	244	2,811	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	161	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	232	98	199	1,437	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	343	92	229	850	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	208	106	176	1,782	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	191	223	252	2,694	3,054
Poultry and eggs	20	143	240	2,161	3,020
Cattle and calves	2,181	237	254	2,250	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	158	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	156	89	252	782	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	220	121	253	1,044	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	101	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	232	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	526	247	253	2,950	3,060
Pecans, all	(D)	98	231	277	1,315
Wheat for grain, all	49	185	199	2,307	2,481
Vegetables harvested for sale	32	135	199	1,883	2,794
Peaches, all	15	64	166	499	1,833
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	6,712	240	254	2,286	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,260	122	254	1,085	3,066
Goats, all	1,055	154	252	712	3,023
Layers	754	130	246	1,871	3,024
Quail	750	48	135	444	1,386

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	151	Farming	88
\$1,000 to \$2,499	33	Other	213
\$2,500 to \$4,999	31	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	40	Male	254
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13	Female	47
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	Black or African American	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	White	429
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,625	More than one race	17
Average per farm (\$)	18,686	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	69
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,319		
Average per farm (\$)	-4,381		

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.