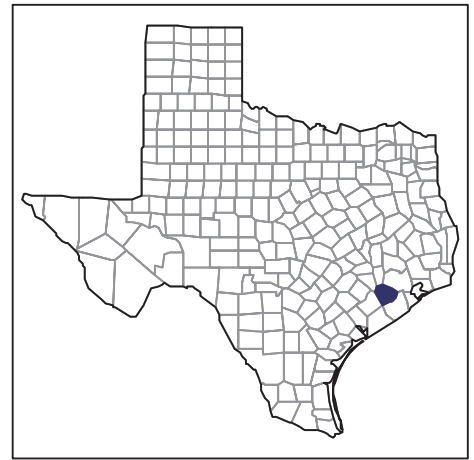


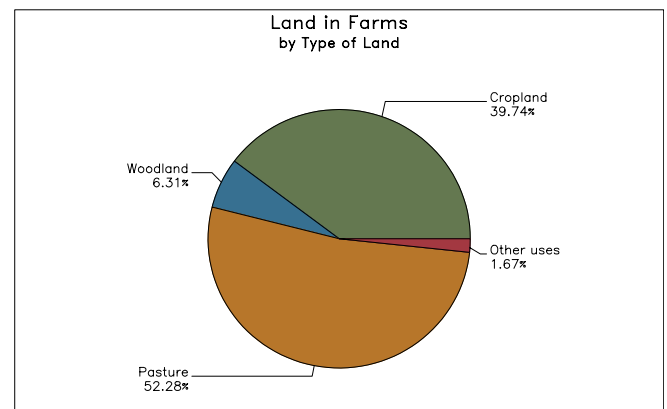
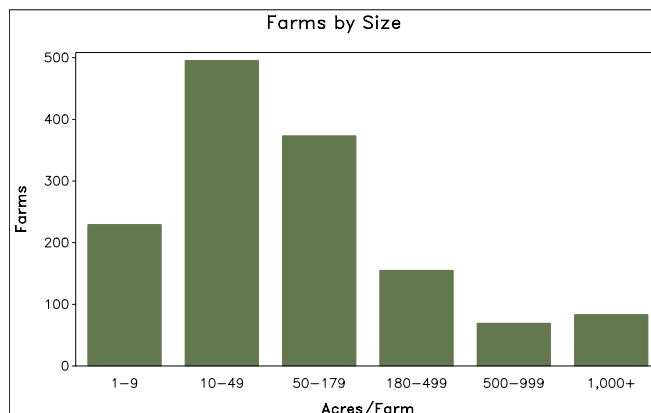
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Fort Bend County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,404	1,560	- 10
Land in Farms	382,740 acres	415,251 acres	- 8
Average Size of Farm	273 acres	266 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$94,494,000	\$49,851,000	+ 90
Crop Sales \$80,323,000 (85 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$14,171,000 (15 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$67,304	\$31,956	+ 111
Government Payments	\$4,237,000	\$4,211,000	+ 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$12,879	\$15,892	- 19



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County Profile

Fort Bend 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	94,494	48	254	936	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	80,323	25	253	513	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,171	151	254	1,802	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,039	44	244	1,094	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	11,801	38	161	104	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	758	53	199	903	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	652	55	229	608	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	49,678	5	176	65	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,395	103	252	726	3,054
Poultry and eggs	43	114	240	1,742	3,020
Cattle and calves	12,918	138	254	998	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	30	116	158	2,188	2,493
Hogs and pigs	256	23	235	1,168	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	252	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	641	44	253	363	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	101	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	126	90	232	900	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cotton, all	34,983	34	161	79	627
Sorghum for grain	33,055	21	187	68	1,158
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,055	88	253	918	3,060
Corn for grain	13,151	38	183	1,079	2,634
Rice	4,232	9	20	79	135
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	46,206	111	254	650	3,060
Horses and ponies	3,105	38	254	243	3,066
Layers	1,476	100	246	1,306	3,024
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,197	46	172	864	2,476
Hogs and pigs	898	19	244	1,238	2,958

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	407	Farming	536
\$1,000 to \$2,499	186	Other	868
\$2,500 to \$4,999	164	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	229	Male	1,184
\$10,000 to \$19,999	137	Female	220
\$20,000 to \$24,999	33	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	57	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24	American Indian or Alaska Native	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58	Asian	30
\$100,000 to \$249,999	57	Black or African American	123
\$250,000 to \$499,999	28	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	24	White	1,827
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	77,410	More than one race	31
Average per farm (\$)	55,135	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	155
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,192		
Average per farm (\$)	17,231		

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.