

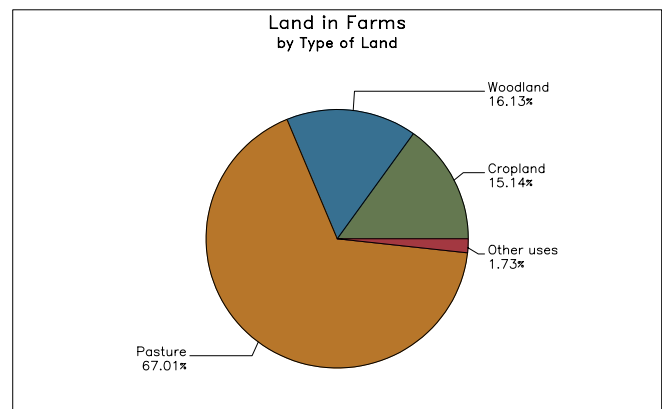
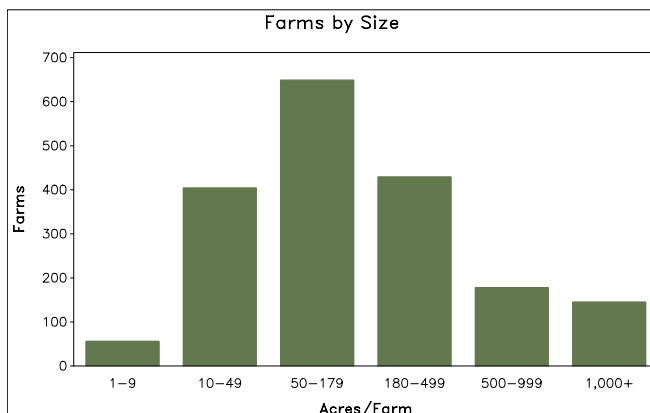
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Gonzales County Texas



| | 2007 | 2002 | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 1,861 | 1,816 | + 2 |
| Land in Farms | 654,077 acres | 695,774 acres | - 6 |
| Average Size of Farm | 351 acres | 383 acres | - 8 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$404,019,000 | \$277,573,000 | + 46 |
| Crop Sales \$15,281,000 (4 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$388,738,000 (96 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$217,098 | \$152,849 | + 42 |
| Government Payments | \$441,000 | \$942,000 | - 53 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$4,079 | \$2,355 | + 73 |



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Gonzales 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 | 404,019 | 11 | 254 | 90 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 15,281 | 108 | 253 | 1,621 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 388,738 | 8 | 254 | 47 | 3,069 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 1,021 | 146 | 244 | 1,975 | 2,933 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 437 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 161 | - | 626 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | (D) | (D) | 199 | (D) | 2,796 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | 17 | 229 | (D) | 2,659 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | (D) | (D) | 176 | (D) | 2,703 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 80 | (D) | 1,710 |
| Other crops and hay | 3,199 | 78 | 252 | 526 | 3,054 |
| Poultry and eggs | 309,266 | 2 | 240 | 15 | 3,020 |
| Cattle and calves | 78,578 | 22 | 254 | 135 | 3,054 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 45 | 104 | 158 | 2,126 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 150 | 37 | 235 | 1,279 | 2,922 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 122 | 101 | 252 | 953 | 2,998 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 398 | 73 | 253 | 607 | 3,024 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 101 | - | 1,498 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 179 | 74 | 232 | 739 | 2,875 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 39,994 | 43 | 253 | 456 | 3,060 |
| Corn for grain | 5,489 | 63 | 183 | 1,384 | 2,634 |
| Pecans, all | (D) | 6 | 231 | 30 | 1,315 |
| Sorghum for grain | 517 | 148 | 187 | 586 | 1,158 |
| Short-rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 87 | (D) | 1,134 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 11,251,154 | 3 | 172 | 23 | 2,476 |
| Layers | 4,909,610 | 1 | 246 | 7 | 3,024 |
| Pullets for laying flock replacement | 852,644 | 1 | 197 | 17 | 2,627 |
| Cattle and calves | 160,799 | 11 | 254 | 57 | 3,060 |
| Horses and ponies | 2,370 | 59 | 254 | 412 | 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 | 427 | Farming | 808 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 228 | Other | 1,053 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 195 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 302 | Male | 1,625 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 223 | Female | 236 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 90 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 60.8 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 103 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 41 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 17 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 85 | Asian | 4 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 43 | Black or African American | 67 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 25 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 99 | White | 2,702 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 321,291 | More than one race | 18 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 172,644 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 227 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 84,766 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 45,549 | | |

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.