

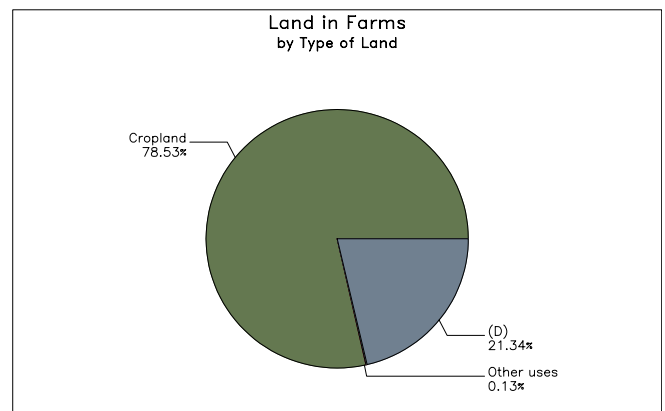
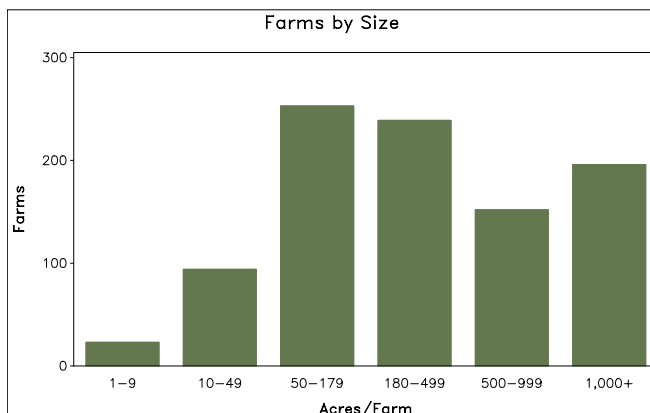
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile

### Hale County Texas



|                                            | 2007          | 2002          | % change |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Number of Farms</b>                     | 957           | 915           | + 5      |
| <b>Land in Farms</b>                       | 588,724 acres | 605,020 acres | - 3      |
| <b>Average Size of Farm</b>                | 615 acres     | 661 acres     | - 7      |
| <b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>       | \$364,436,000 | \$225,246,000 | + 62     |
| Crop Sales \$159,688,000 (44 percent)      |               |               |          |
| Livestock Sales \$204,748,000 (56 percent) |               |               |          |
| <b>Average Per Farm</b>                    | \$380,811     | \$246,171     | + 55     |
| <b>Government Payments</b>                 | \$21,470,000  | \$15,998,000  | + 34     |
| <b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b> | \$27,561      | \$22,376      | + 23     |



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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                               | 364,436  | 15         | 254                   | 110       | 3,076                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 159,688  | 3          | 253                   | 133       | 3,072                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 204,748  | 17         | 254                   | 122       | 3,069                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 56,081   | 12         | 244                   | 523       | 2,933                 |
| Tobacco                                                                 | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 437                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                                   | 91,655   | 5          | 161                   | 9         | 626                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | 7,493    | 9          | 199                   | 242       | 2,796                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries                                          | (D)      | (D)        | 229                   | (D)       | 2,659                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | -        | -          | 176                   | -         | 2,703                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | (D)      | 73         | 80                    | (D)       | 1,710                 |
| Other crops and hay                                                     | 4,424    | 53         | 252                   | 375       | 3,054                 |
| Poultry and eggs                                                        | 19       | 145        | 240                   | 2,194     | 3,020                 |
| Cattle and calves                                                       | 151,715  | 15         | 254                   | 52        | 3,054                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 52,834   | 10         | 158                   | 138       | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs                                                           | 81       | 52         | 235                   | 1,438     | 2,922                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products                                        | 68       | 141        | 252                   | 1,413     | 2,998                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 31       | 227        | 253                   | 2,468     | 3,024                 |
| Aquaculture                                                             | -        | -          | 101                   | -         | 1,498                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | -        | -          | 232                   | -         | 2,875                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>                                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cotton, all                                                             | 164,297  | 8          | 161                   | 9         | 627                   |
| Wheat for grain, all                                                    | 43,768   | 26         | 199                   | 309       | 2,481                 |
| Sorghum for grain                                                       | 43,394   | 12         | 187                   | 39        | 1,158                 |
| Corn for grain                                                          | 36,597   | 18         | 183                   | 703       | 2,634                 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 16,141   | 118        | 253                   | 1,249     | 3,060                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves                                                       | 126,928  | 15         | 254                   | 79        | 3,060                 |
| Goats, all                                                              | 1,229    | 140        | 252                   | 579       | 3,023                 |
| Layers                                                                  | 620      | 140        | 246                   | 2,003     | 3,024                 |
| Sheep and lambs                                                         | 446      | 132        | 244                   | 1,515     | 2,891                 |
| Horses and ponies                                                       | 396      | 218        | 254                   | 2,469     | 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                           | 445      | Farming                                                           | 444      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 28       | Other                                                             | 513      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 20       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 39       | Male                                                              | 771      |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 27       | Female                                                            | 186      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 14       | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 60.5     |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 26       | All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :                              |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 15       | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 8        |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 53       | Asian                                                             | 3        |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 85       | Black or African American                                         | 4        |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 75       | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | 2        |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 130      | White                                                             | 1,258    |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 292,993  | More than one race                                                | 18       |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 306,158  | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup> | 61       |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 107,446  |                                                                   |          |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 112,274  |                                                                   |          |

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.