

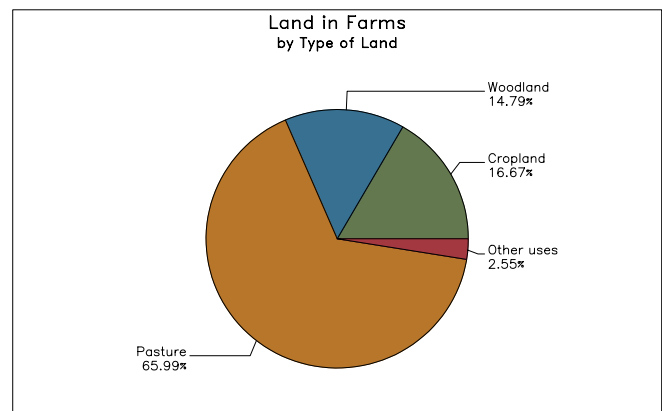
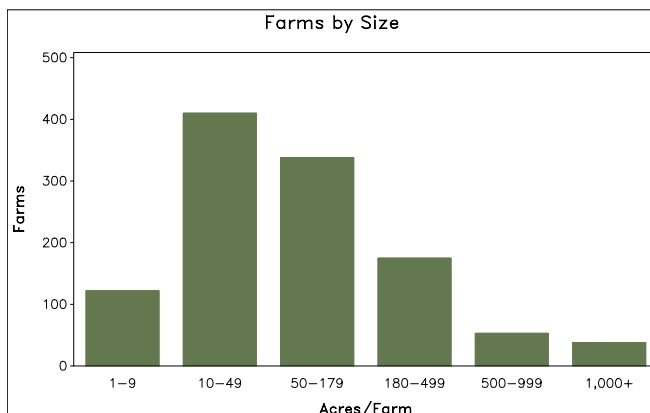
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Hays County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,136	1,106	+ 3
Land in Farms	235,568 acres	278,352 acres	- 15
Average Size of Farm	207 acres	252 acres	- 18
Market Value of Products Sold	\$11,452,000	\$14,614,000	- 22
Crop Sales \$4,787,000 (42 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,665,000 (58 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$10,081	\$13,213	- 24
Government Payments	\$248,000	\$137,000	+ 81
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,040	\$2,144	+ 182



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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	11,452	217	254	2,554	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,787	181	253	2,263	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,665	207	254	2,294	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	814	152	244	2,037	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	161	(D)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	143	120	199	1,664	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	399	83	229	785	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	176	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,549	134	252	1,105	3,054
Poultry and eggs	663	54	240	1,056	3,020
Cattle and calves	4,096	217	254	1,849	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	158	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	24	95	235	1,878	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	42	252	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	932	31	253	231	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	69	101	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	513	31	232	378	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,959	149	253	1,722	3,060
Corn for grain	1,744	88	183	1,730	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	1,719	125	199	1,412	2,481
Sorghum for grain	936	129	187	476	1,158
Cotton, all	(D)	(D)	161	(D)	627
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	31,136	36	246	569	3,024
Cattle and calves	16,309	202	254	1,600	3,060
Goats, all	8,935	31	252	35	3,023
Deer	2,218	9	185	10	1,246
Horses and ponies	2,062	73	254	526	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	530	Farming	387
\$1,000 to \$2,499	223	Other	749
\$2,500 to \$4,999	137	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	96	Male	906
\$10,000 to \$19,999	70	Female	230
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	Black or African American	14
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	7	White	1,672
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,905	More than one race	21
Average per farm (\$)	15,761	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	116
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-4,515		
Average per farm (\$)	-3,975		

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.