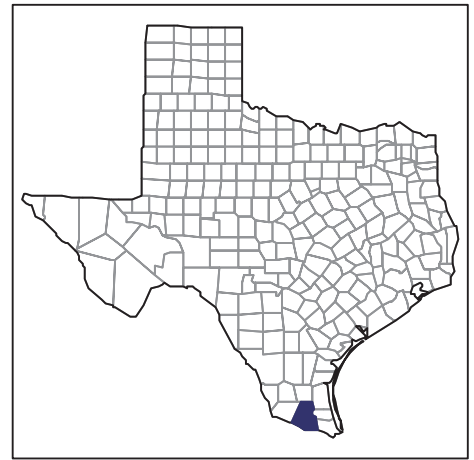


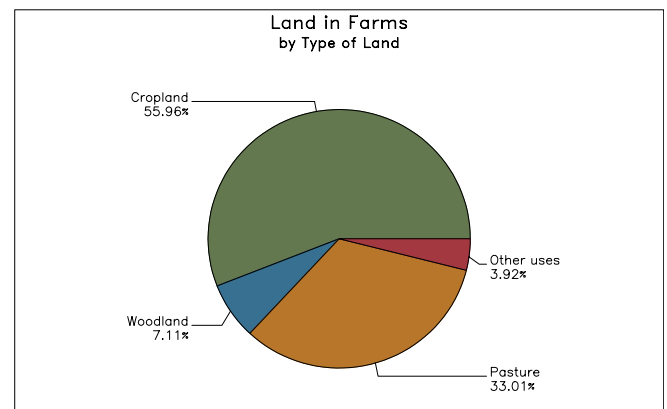
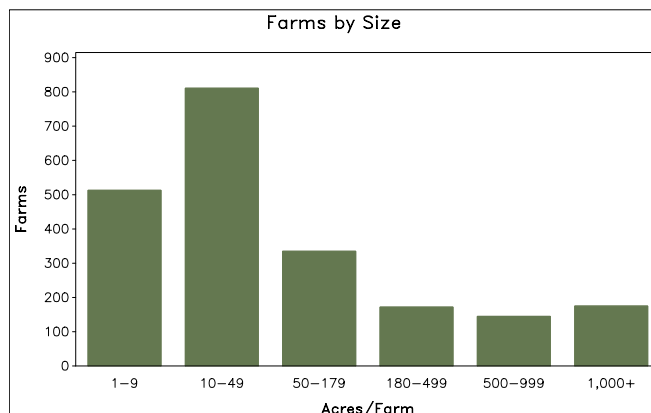
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile

### Hidalgo County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	2,151	2,104	+ 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	722,582 acres	593,158 acres	+ 22
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	336 acres	282 acres	+ 19
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$314,256,000	\$202,073,000	+ 56
Crop Sales \$288,480,000 (92 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$25,777,000 (8 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$146,098	\$96,042	+ 52
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$10,723,000	\$6,509,000	+ 65
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$25,410	\$16,996	+ 50



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### Hidalgo County – Texas

#### 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	314,256	17	254	147	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	288,480	1	253	48	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,777	102	254	1,315	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	44,297	14	244	641	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	7,633	49	161	148	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	119,475	1	199	24	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	84,632	1	229	45	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,524	28	176	390	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	25,918	2	252	67	3,054
Poultry and eggs	78	88	240	1,493	3,020
Cattle and calves	22,826	78	254	588	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	153	85	158	1,930	2,493
Hogs and pigs	235	25	235	1,184	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	244	66	252	528	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,450	15	253	133	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	101	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	791	16	232	257	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Sorghum for grain	169,633	2	187	2	1,158
Vegetables harvested for sale	31,411	1	199	27	2,794
Sugarcane for sugar	28,805	1	3	7	38
Corn for grain	21,374	26	183	911	2,634
Cotton, all	18,217	52	161	148	627
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	44,537	115	254	694	3,060
Goats, all	5,648	52	252	67	3,023
Horses and ponies	2,689	48	254	333	3,066
Layers	2,668	71	246	997	3,024
Colonies of bees	(D)	(D)	178	(D)	2,640

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	773	Farming	948
\$1,000 to \$2,499	226	Other	1,203
\$2,500 to \$4,999	217		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	179	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	144	Male	1,897
\$20,000 to \$24,999	88	Female	254
\$25,000 to \$39,999	108		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	50	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	130		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	85	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	54	American Indian or Alaska Native	69
\$500,000 or more	97	Asian	20
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	232,038	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	107,874	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	2,912
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	102,009	More than one race	19
Average per farm (\$)	47,424	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	1,938

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.