

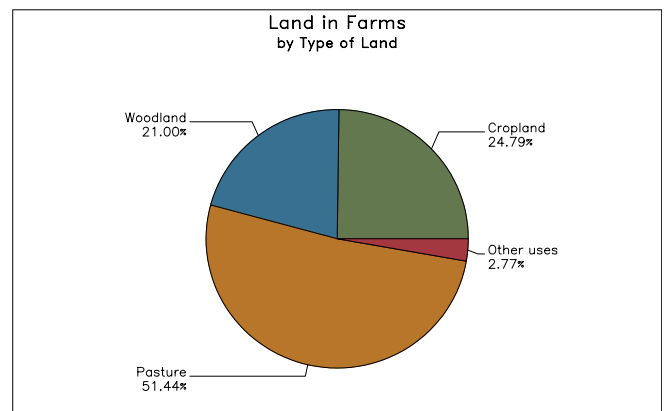
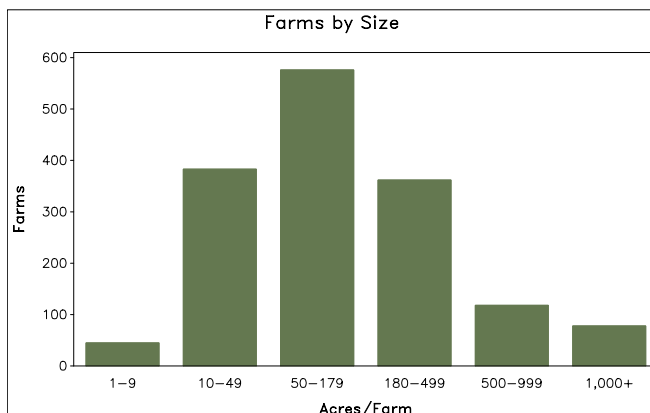
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Houston County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,562	1,514	+ 3
Land in Farms	440,462 acres	464,706 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	282 acres	307 acres	- 8
Market Value of Products Sold	\$40,654,000	\$34,483,000	+ 18
Crop Sales \$9,050,000 (22 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$31,603,000 (78 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$26,027	\$22,776	+ 14
Government Payments	\$410,000	\$714,000	- 43
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,032	\$16,998	- 65



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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	40,654	132	254	1,752	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,050	142	253	1,922	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	31,603	86	254	1,147	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	616	156	244	2,103	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	161	(D)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,402	20	229	378	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14	156	176	2,491	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	80	25	80	470	1,710
Other crops and hay	4,062	60	252	410	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	40	240	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	27,094	62	254	486	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	147	158	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	7	235	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	116	106	252	991	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	325	87	253	736	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	46	101	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	46	136	232	1,401	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	48,900	29	253	299	3,060
Pecans, all	3,438	9	231	42	1,315
Corn for grain	2,238	83	183	1,657	2,634
Short-rotation woody crops	1,582	3	87	18	1,134
Cotton, all	(D)	118	161	(D)	627
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	(D)	246	(D)	3,024
Cattle and calves	83,948	35	254	200	3,060
Sheep and lambs	(D)	29	244	(D)	2,891
Hogs and pigs	(D)	7	244	(D)	2,958
Horses and ponies	2,700	47	254	330	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	351	Farming	729
\$1,000 to \$2,499	166	Other	833
\$2,500 to \$4,999	233		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	241	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	244	Male	1,374
\$20,000 to \$24,999	54	Female	188
\$25,000 to \$39,999	108		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	34	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	75		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	11
\$500,000 or more	10	Asian	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	44,194	Black or African American	263
Average per farm (\$)	28,293	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,987
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-411	More than one race	22
Average per farm (\$)	-263	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	44

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.