

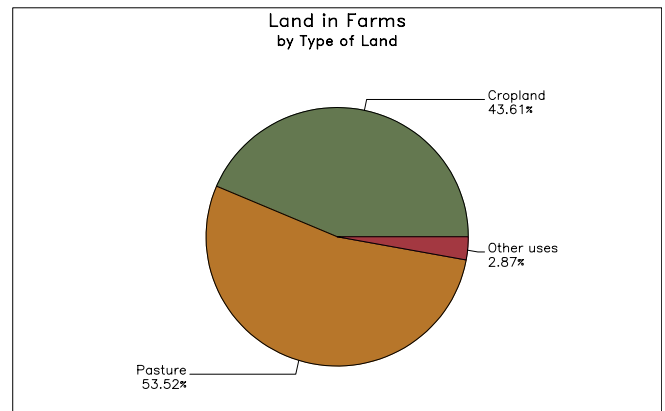
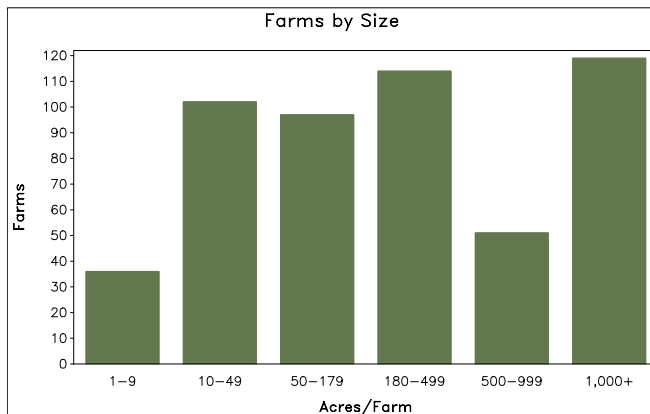
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Howard County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	519	466	+ 11
Land in Farms	522,791 acres	518,369 acres	+ 1
Average Size of Farm	1,007 acres	1,112 acres	- 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$40,853,000	\$15,106,000	+ 170
Crop Sales \$33,274,000 (81 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,578,000 (19 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$78,714	\$32,416	+ 143
Government Payments	\$7,075,000	\$4,369,000	+ 62
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$22,039	\$16,548	+ 33



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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	40,853	131	254	1,747	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	33,274	59	253	1,146	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,578	200	254	2,219	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,492	136	244	1,867	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	30,792	19	161	35	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	73	156	229	1,545	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	833	174	252	1,724	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	240	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	7,389	186	254	1,439	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	158	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7	168	235	2,405	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	117	104	252	984	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	53	202	253	2,165	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	101	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	228	232	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cotton, all	106,887	16	161	20	627
Sorghum for grain	8,495	70	187	194	1,158
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,473	208	253	2,376	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	3,232	109	199	1,174	2,481
Rye for grain	(D)	24	47	(D)	977
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	12,449	219	254	1,824	3,060
Goats, all	1,669	112	252	388	3,023
Sheep and lambs	1,245	80	244	750	2,891
Layers	646	138	246	1,972	3,024
Horses and ponies	541	194	254	2,161	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	276	Farming	194
\$1,000 to \$2,499	28	Other	325
\$2,500 to \$4,999	28		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18	Male	436
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Female	83
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	24	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	31,136	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	59,993	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	743
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,270	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	35,202	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	58

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.