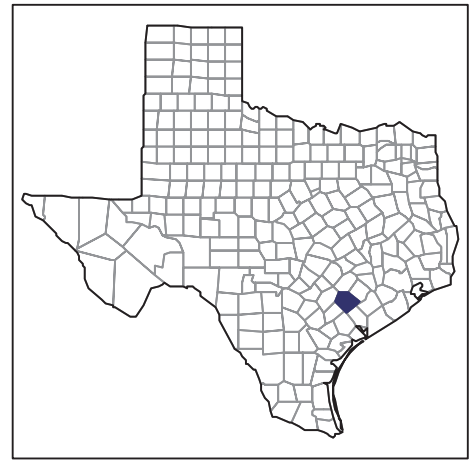


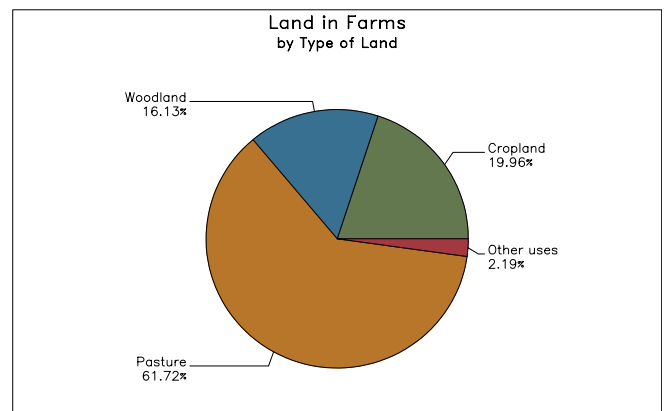
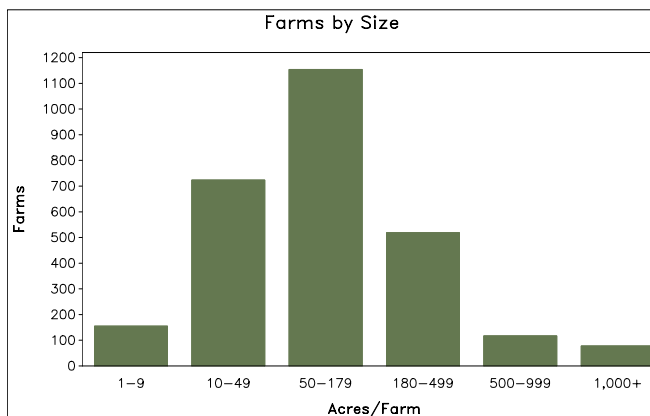
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## County Profile

### Lavaca County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	2,747	2,861	- 4
<b>Land in Farms</b>	566,648 acres	601,698 acres	- 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	206 acres	210 acres	- 2
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$58,934,000	\$45,660,000	+ 29
Crop Sales \$7,473,000 (13 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$51,460,000 (87 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$21,454	\$15,959	+ 34
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$714,000	\$910,000	- 22
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$2,616	\$4,973	- 47



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### Lavaca 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	58,934	85	254	1,409	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,473	153	253	2,033	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	51,460	48	254	776	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,858	130	244	1,809	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	155	161	604	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	199	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,484	19	229	366	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	205	107	176	1,786	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	3,876	62	252	435	3,054
Poultry and eggs	21,627	23	240	388	3,020
Cattle and calves	27,420	60	254	478	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,839	50	158	1,125	2,493
Hogs and pigs	67	59	235	1,499	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	177	82	252	698	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	154	141	253	1,340	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	101	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	232	(D)	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	53,033	24	253	249	3,060
Corn for grain	4,224	69	183	1,457	2,634
Pecans, all	2,834	15	231	53	1,315
Rice	1,336	13	20	92	135
Sorghum for grain	427	152	187	621	1,158
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	495,007	8	246	161	3,024
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	460,257	27	172	401	2,476
Pullets for laying flock replacement	254,563	6	197	128	2,627
Cattle and calves	115,871	18	254	94	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,360	119	254	982	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	531	Farming	1,056
\$1,000 to \$2,499	333	Other	1,691
\$2,500 to \$4,999	461	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	526	Male	2,420
\$10,000 to \$19,999	427	Female	327
\$20,000 to \$24,999	112	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	156	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	57	American Indian or Alaska Native	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	77	Asian	17
\$100,000 to \$249,999	37	Black or African American	70
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4
\$500,000 or more	18	White	3,999
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	63,749	More than one race	37
Average per farm (\$)	23,207	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	133
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,498		
Average per farm (\$)	-909		

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.