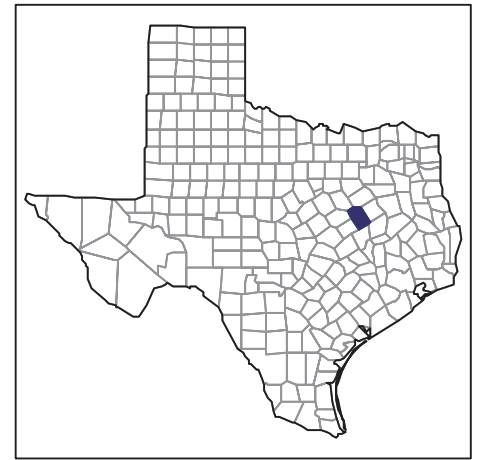


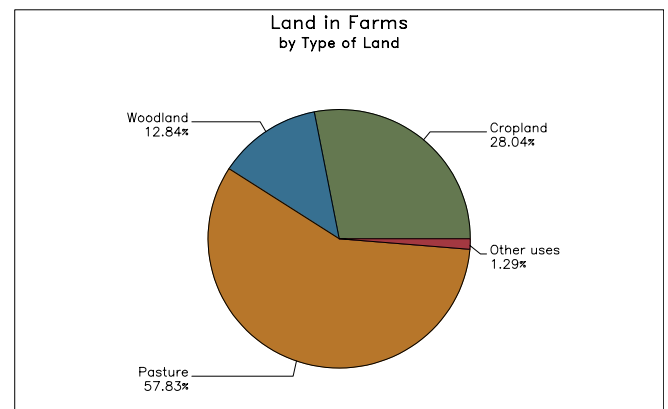
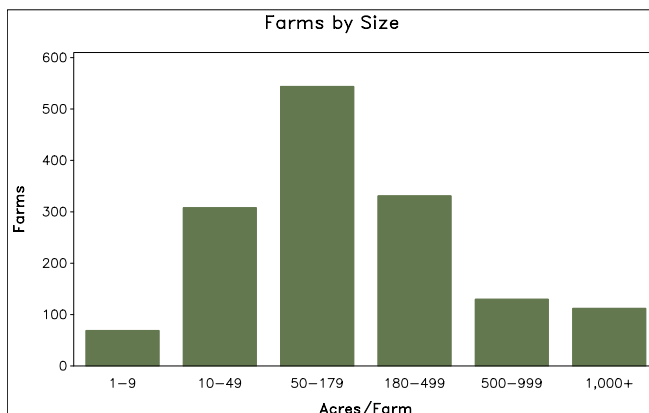
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Limestone County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,494	1,430	+ 4
Land in Farms	505,846 acres	529,924 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	339 acres	371 acres	- 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$45,703,000	\$32,779,000	+ 39
Crop Sales \$9,187,000 (20 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$36,516,000 (80 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$30,591	\$22,922	+ 33
Government Payments	\$1,190,000	\$701,000	+ 70
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,647	\$5,437	+ 22



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Limestone County – Texas

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	45,703	116	254	1,644	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,187	141	253	1,913	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	36,516	74	254	1,015	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,013	87	244	1,492	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	778	106	161	392	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	340	80	199	1,253	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	567	69	229	676	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	50	134	176	2,227	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,439	100	252	705	3,054
Poultry and eggs	7,114	32	240	635	3,020
Cattle and calves	28,470	58	254	450	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	573	66	158	1,563	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	153	235	2,272	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	46	170	252	1,719	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	297	96	253	804	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	101	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	6	185	232	2,201	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	46,986	31	253	328	3,060
Corn for grain	9,616	50	183	1,187	2,634
Sorghum for grain	4,451	88	187	259	1,158
Wheat for grain, all	4,075	100	199	1,067	2,481
Cotton, all	2,124	104	161	383	627
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	504,601	26	172	394	2,476
Cattle and calves	90,548	32	254	172	3,060
Layers	(D)	(D)	246	(D)	3,024
Quail	(D)	9	135	(D)	1,386
Horses and ponies	2,400	57	254	403	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	393	Farming	703
\$1,000 to \$2,499	169	Other	791
\$2,500 to \$4,999	181	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	226	Male	1,285
\$10,000 to \$19,999	179	Female	209
\$20,000 to \$24,999	53	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	108	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	60	American Indian or Alaska Native	25
\$50,000 to \$99,999	64	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	Black or African American	140
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
\$500,000 or more	13	White	2,017
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	49,388	More than one race	21
Average per farm (\$)	33,058	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	83
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-547		
Average per farm (\$)	-366		

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.