

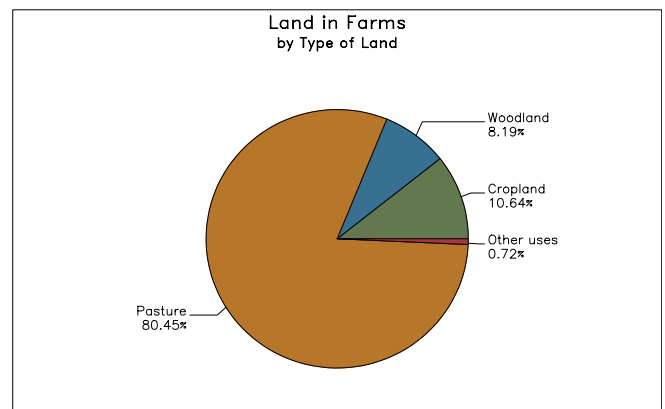
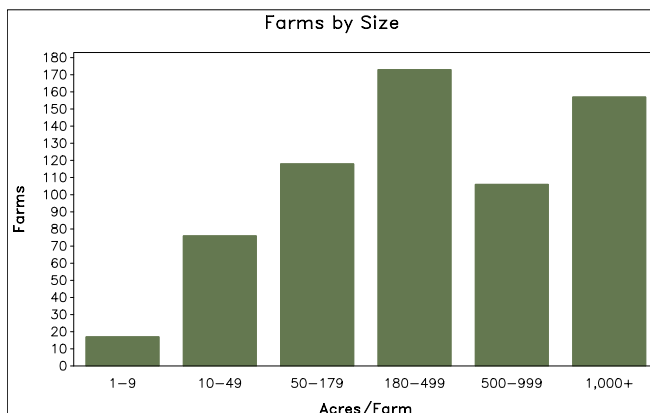
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mason County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	647	633	+ 2
Land in Farms	536,402 acres	555,597 acres	- 3
Average Size of Farm	829 acres	878 acres	- 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$48,044,000	\$44,798,000	+ 7
Crop Sales \$1,837,000 (4 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$46,206,000 (96 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$74,256	\$70,771	+ 5
Government Payments	\$720,000	\$651,000	+ 11
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,895	\$4,620	+ 6



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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	48,044	112	254	1,604	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,837	213	253	2,612	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	46,206	54	254	848	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	244	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	138	161	(D)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	280	86	199	1,348	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	197	117	229	1,092	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	176	-	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,014	160	252	1,492	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	240	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	42,705	30	254	267	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	158	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	15	131	235	2,106	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	3,177	10	252	27	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	184	130	253	1,183	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	101	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	111	98	232	951	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,325	154	253	1,777	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	518	155	199	1,832	2,481
Oats for grain	318	62	133	838	1,957
Cotton, all	(D)	145	161	560	627
Pecans, all	(D)	(D)	231	(D)	1,315
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	56,371	81	254	482	3,060
Goats, all	8,582	33	252	38	3,023
Sheep and lambs	4,278	38	244	237	2,891
Deer	972	39	185	61	1,246
Horses and ponies	502	203	254	2,234	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	161	Farming	314
\$1,000 to \$2,499	52	Other	333
\$2,500 to \$4,999	65		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	79	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	89	Male	550
\$20,000 to \$24,999	46	Female	97
\$25,000 to \$39,999	49		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	9	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,898	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	81,758	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	966
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,339	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	-2,069	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	17

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.