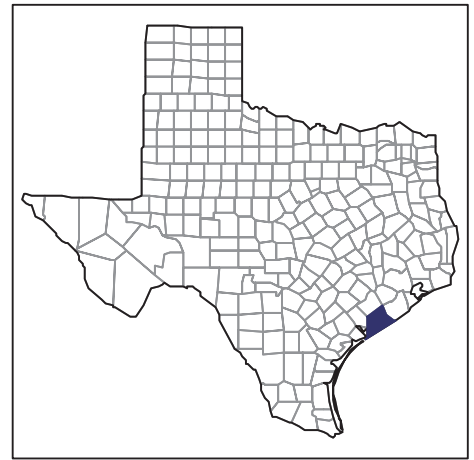


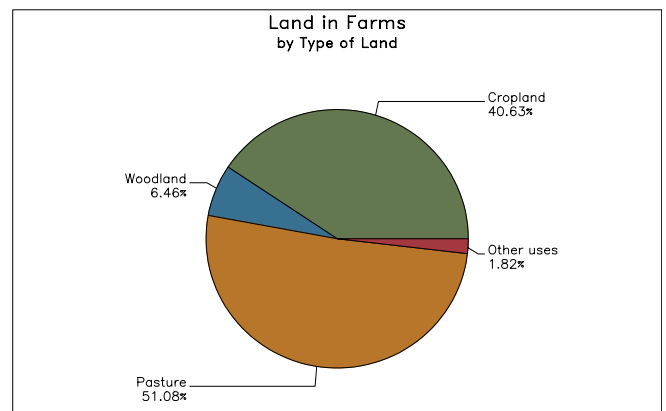
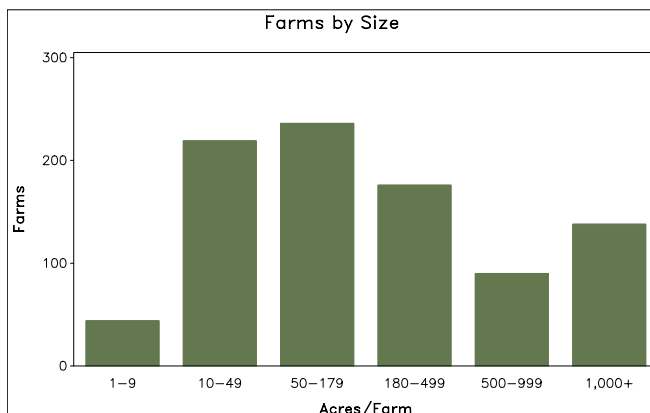
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Matagorda County Texas



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	903	991	- 9
Land in Farms	577,594 acres	619,142 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	640 acres	625 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$106,756,000	\$115,730,000	- 8
Crop Sales \$60,875,000 (57 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$45,882,000 (43 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$118,224	\$116,781	+ 1
Government Payments	\$5,890,000	\$7,445,000	- 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$21,339	\$26,309	- 19



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Matagorda 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	106,756	42	254	834	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	60,875	30	253	717	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	45,882	56	254	854	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	28,941	24	244	831	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	4,698	65	161	207	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	9	185	199	2,542	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	511	73	229	708	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	25,092	13	176	129	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	80	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,623	127	252	1,053	3,054
Poultry and eggs	20	144	240	2,167	3,020
Cattle and calves	20,660	89	254	653	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	42	106	158	2,134	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	204	235	2,711	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	23	204	252	2,223	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	276	102	253	851	3,024
Aquaculture	24,776	1	101	10	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	84	110	232	1,109	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sorghum for grain	42,598	14	187	42	1,158
Rice	20,446	3	20	44	135
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,418	105	253	1,116	3,060
Cotton, all	15,590	57	161	175	627
Corn for grain	11,311	42	183	1,135	2,634
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	70,593	54	254	296	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,372	117	254	967	3,066
Layers	1,207	107	246	1,466	3,024
Goats, all	495	195	252	1,469	3,023
Sheep and lambs	381	143	244	1,627	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	220	Farming	452
\$1,000 to \$2,499	90	Other	451
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	105	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	91	Male	788
\$20,000 to \$24,999	38	Female	115
\$25,000 to \$39,999	51		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	61		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	65	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	39	American Indian or Alaska Native	15
\$500,000 or more	53	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	92,902	Black or African American	36
Average per farm (\$)	102,881	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	1,254
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	25,546	More than one race	12
Average per farm (\$)	28,290	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	79

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.