

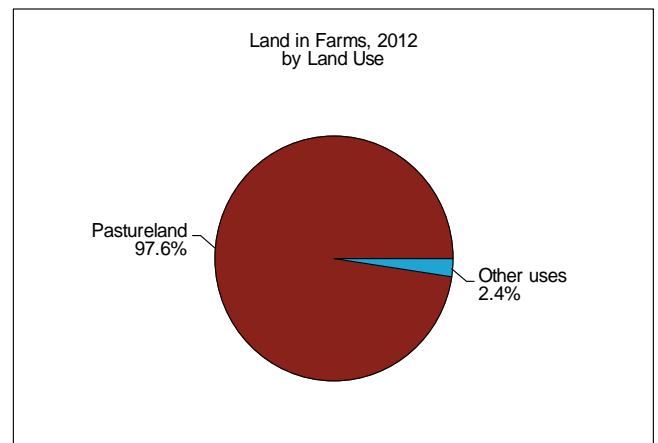
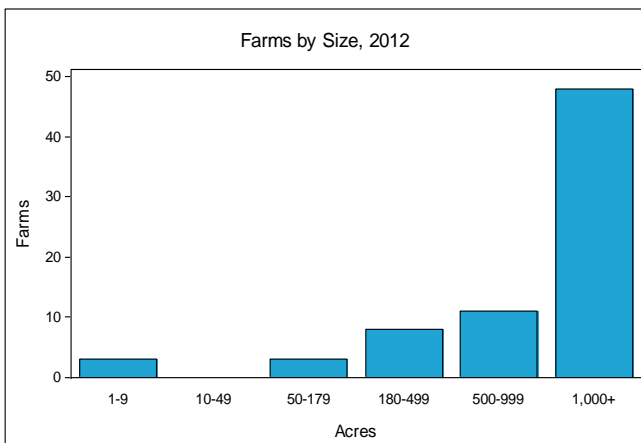
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Sterling County Texas

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	73	74	- 1
<b>Land in Farms</b>	585,066 acres	578,316 acres	+ 1
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	8,015 acres	7,815 acres	+ 3
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	(D)	(D)	
Crop Sales (D)			
Livestock Sales (D)			
Average Per Farm	(D)	(D)	
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$712,000	\$549,000	+ 30
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$24,567	\$19,621	+ 25





## Sterling County – Texas

Ranked items among the 254 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	253	(D)	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	238	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	165	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	199	-	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	215	-	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	165	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	46	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	252	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	-	-	241	-	3,013
Cattle and calves	5,656	202	254	1,725	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	105	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	-	-	227	-	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	251	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	27	241	254	2,556	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	91	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	236	-	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,432	219	252	2,635	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	(D)	201	(D)	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	(D)	201	(D)	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Sheep and lambs	12,710	11	240	78	2,897
Cattle and calves	11,061	212	254	1,855	3,063
Goats, all	2,429	79	250	161	2,996
Horses and ponies	172	243	254	2,834	3,072
Bison	(D)	(D)	127	(D)	1,126

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	10	Farming	41
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7	Other	32
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2	Male	58
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3	Female	15
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	3	White	115
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,842	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	148,524	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,168		
Average per farm (\$)	-29,704		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.