

2002 Census of Agriculture Congressional District Profile

District 15, Texas

Number of farms: 5,690

Land in farms: 3,798,707 acres

Average size of farm: 668 acres

Irrigated Land: 177,297 acres

Total Number of Farm Operators: 8,088

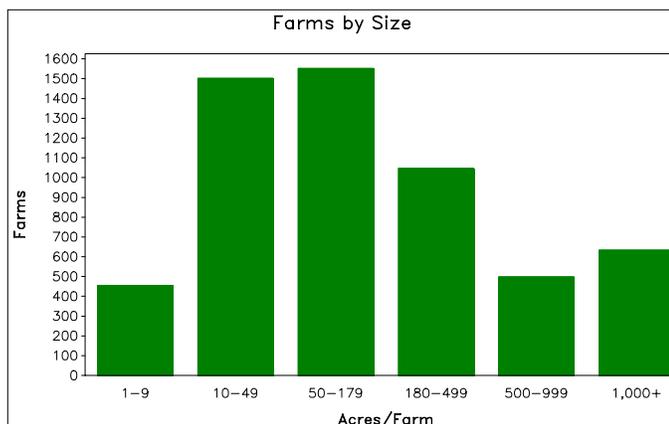
Market Value of Production: \$359,252,000

Market Value of Production, average per farm: \$63,137

Government Payments: \$14,844,000

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments: \$12,381

Gross Income from Farm Related Sources: \$15,353,000



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United States Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 32 congressional districts in the state, and among the 435 congressional districts in the U.S., 2002

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	359,252	9	32	145	418
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) ²					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	37,793	7	32	109	371
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	106
Cotton and cottonseed	62,669	5	23	18	111
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	74,949	1	30	37	398
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	35,542	1	32	46	403
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	7,056	21	32	339	415
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	349
Poultry and eggs	95	22	31	300	382
Cattle and calves	114,448	12	32	67	389
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	339
Hogs and pigs	196	17	31	243	372
Sheep, goats, and their products	450	15	32	146	380
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,547	18	32	171	398
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	321
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	300,685	14	32	82	394
Quail	(D)	7	25	(D)	313
All Goats	10,694	15	31	38	387
Colonies of bees	(D)	2	27	(D)	387
Horses and ponies	6,763	17	32	169	408
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Sorghum for grain	259,373	4	28	6	243
All Cotton	197,204	5	24	18	113
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	94,838	15	32	143	391
Corn for grain	67,546	7	28	98	327
All Vegetables harvested	35,386	1	30	27	398

Other Congressional District Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	1,423
\$1,000 to \$2,499	862
\$2,500 to \$4,999	780
\$5,000 to \$9,999	672
\$10,000 to \$19,999	628
\$20,000 to \$24,999	224
\$25,000 to \$39,999	276
\$40,000 to \$49,999	123
\$50,000 to \$99,999	197
\$100,000 to \$249,999	234
\$250,000 to \$499,999	139
\$500,000 or more	132
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	236,487
Average per farm (\$)	174,658
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	72,161
Average per farm (\$)	12,667

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	3,141
Other	2,549
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	5,158
Female	532
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
All operators ³ by race:	
White	7,774
Black or African American	46
American Indian or Alaska Native	86
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	17
More than one race	20
All operators ³ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2,334

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of congressional districts in state or U.S. with item.

² Categories are not comprehensive and will not sum to total.

³ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.