



# Howard County Texas

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

|                                  | 2022        | % change since 2017 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms                  | 407         | +9                  |
| Land in farms (acres)            | 575,487     | +10                 |
| Average size of farm (acres)     | 1,414       | +1                  |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold    | 32,631,000  | +21                 |
| Government payments              | 7,692,000   | +135                |
| Farm-related income              | 15,162,000  | +145                |
| Total farm production expenses   | 51,943,000  | +66                 |
| Net cash farm income             | 3,543,000   | -31                 |
| <b>Per farm average</b>          | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold    | 80,174      | +11                 |
| Government payments <sup>a</sup> | 33,592      | +79                 |
| Farm-related income <sup>a</sup> | 86,643      | +73                 |
| Total farm production expenses   | 127,623     | +52                 |
| Net cash farm income             | 8,706       | -37                 |

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 85 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 15 |

### Land in Farms by Use (acres)

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Cropland    | 237,055 |
| Pastureland | 315,640 |
| Woodland    | (D)     |
| Other       | (D)     |

Acres irrigated: 6,321

1% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| No till        | 8  |
| Reduced till   | 7  |
| Intensive till | 21 |
| Cover crop     | 5  |

## Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>b</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 269    | 66                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 30     | 7                             |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 21     | 5                             |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 22     | 5                             |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 15     | 4                             |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 14     | 3                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 36     | 9                             |

## Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>b</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 36     | 9                             |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 68     | 17                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 73     | 18                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 89     | 22                            |
| 500 to 999 acres | 43     | 11                            |
| 1,000+ acres     | 98     | 24                            |

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

|   | Sales<br>(\$1,000) | Rank<br>in<br>State <sup>c</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item | Rank<br>in<br>U.S. <sup>c</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>32,631</b>      | <b>161</b>                       | <b>254</b>                    | <b>2,218</b>                    | <b>3,078</b>                  |
| <b>Crops</b>  | <b>27,807</b>      | <b>73</b>                        | <b>254</b>                    | <b>1,631</b>                    | <b>3,074</b>                  |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                     | (D)                | 224                              | 236                           | 2,600                           | 2,917                         |
| Tobacco   | -                  | -                                | -                             | -                               | 267                           |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                     | 27,024             | 18                               | 170                           | 67                              | 647                           |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes              | (D)                | 148                              | 195                           | (D)                             | 2,831                         |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                                | (D)                | (D)                              | 215                           | (D)                             | 2,711                         |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                    | -                  | -                                | 183                           | -                               | 2,660                         |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation<br>woody crops | -                  | -                                | 42                            | -                               | 1,274                         |
| Other crops and hay                                       | 740                | 176                              | 249                           | 2,249                           | 3,035                         |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                   | <b>4,824</b>       | <b>224</b>                       | <b>254</b>                    | <b>2,455</b>                    | <b>3,076</b>                  |
| Poultry and eggs  | 28                 | 154                              | 244                           | 1,849                           | 3,027                         |
| Cattle and calves   | 4,445              | 212                              | 254                           | 1,759                           | 3,047                         |
| Milk from cows  | -                  | -                                | 93                            | -                               | 1,770                         |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)                | 129                              | 222                           | (D)                             | 2,814                         |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                          | 105                | 140                              | 247                           | 1,396                           | 2,967                         |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                    | 228                | 131                              | 253                           | 1,044                           | 2,907                         |
| Aquaculture   | -                  | -                                | 79                            | -                               | 1,190                         |
| Other animals and animal products                         | (D)                | 161                              | 234                           | (D)                             | 2,909                         |

|                                  |            |                               |   |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Producers <sup>d</sup></b>    | <b>717</b> | <b>Percent of farms that:</b> | <b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup></b>    |
| <b>Sex</b>                       |            | Have internet access          | Cotton, all 55,234                        |
| Male                             | 460        | <b>71</b>                     | Forage (hay/haylage), all 3,309           |
| Female                           | 257        |                               | Pecans, all (D)                           |
| <b>Age</b>                       |            | Farm organically              | Vegetables harvested, all (D)             |
| <35                              | 51         | <b>-</b>                      | Grapes (D)                                |
| 35 – 64                          | 412        |                               |   |
| 65 and older                     | 254        |                               |   |
| <b>Race</b>                      |            | Sell directly to consumers    | <b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b> |
| American Indian/Alaska Native    | 4          | <b>2</b>                      | Broilers and other meat-type chickens -   |
| Asian                            | -          |                               | Cattle and calves 7,984                   |
| Black or African American        | -          | Hire farm labor               | Goats 753                                 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | -          | <b>27</b>                     | Hogs and pigs 29                          |
| White                            | 711        |                               | Horses and ponies 214                     |
| More than one race               | 2          | Are family farms              | Layers 631                                |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>     |            | <b>92</b>                     | Pullets 210                               |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 35         |                               | Sheep and lambs 352                       |
| With military service            | 43         |                               | Turkeys 16                                |
| New and beginning farmers        | 251        |                               |   |

<sup>a</sup> Average per farm receiving. <sup>b</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>c</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>d</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. <sup>e</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>f</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.