Colorado County
Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,773	+13
Land in farms (acres)	562,549	+16
Average size of farm (acres)	317	+3
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	70,991,000	+4
Government payments	8,199,000	+88
Farm-related income	13,484,000	+100
Total farm production expenses	87,538,000	+22
Net cash farm income	5,136,000	-29
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	40,040	-7
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	41,622	+156
Farm-related income	33,625	+100
Total farm production expenses	49,373	+8
Net cash farm income	2,897	-37

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	55
Livestock, poultry, and products	45

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	24
Pastureland	63
Woodland	11
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 34,109

6% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	2
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	1

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	735	41
$2,500 to $4,999	202	11
$5,000 to $9,999	242	14
$10,000 to $24,999	270	15
$25,000 to $49,999	150	8
$50,000 to $99,999	54	3
$100,000 or more	120	7

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	103	6
10 to 49 acres	557	31
50 to 179 acres	641	36
180 to 499 acres	281	16
500 to 999 acres	95	5
1,000 + acres	96	5

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**70,991**	**81**	**254**	**1,461**	**3,077**
Crops	**38,853**	**53**	**253**	**1,253**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	29,670	26	232	988	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	116	174	(D)	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	147	188	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,134	42	225	441	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	5,452	34	155	364	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,368	121	251	1,595	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**32,138**	**96**	**254**	**1,283**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	611	51	235	773	3,007
Cattle and calves	29,697	66	254	524	3,055
Milk from cows	395	60	94	1,033	1,892
Hogs and pigs	124	35	216	851	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	247	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	207	121	254	939	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	23	79	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	911	19	229	196	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**2,913**
Sex	
Male	1,811
Female	1,102
Age	
<35	178
35 – 64	1,539
65 and older	1,196
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	16
Asian	12
Black or African American	81
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	2,797
More than one race	7
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	138
With military service	304
New and beginning farmers	884

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**65**
Farm organically	**1**
Sell directly to consumers	**1**
Hire farm labor	**20**
Are family farms	**96**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Rice	28,929
Forage (hay/haylage), all	22,126
Corn for grain	13,724
Cotton, all	(D)
Pecans, all	1,469

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	70,367
Goats	873
Hogs and pigs	1,728
Horses and ponies	1,191
Layers	9,999
Pullets	1,412
Sheep and lambs	338
Turkeys	17

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

[a] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [b] Among counties whose rank can be displayed. [c] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. [d] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [e] 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.