Fort Bend County
Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,155	-10
Land in farms (acres)	279,483	-18
Average size of farm (acres)	242	-8
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	85,013,000	-18
Government payments	4,623,000	+13
Farm-related income	3,225,000	-40
Total farm production expenses	77,937,000	-16
Net cash farm income	14,924,000	-28
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	73,604	-9
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	17,920	+64
Farm-related income	10,046	-22
Total farm production expenses	67,478	-6
Net cash farm income	12,921	-20

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	83
Livestock, poultry, and products	17

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	50
Pastureland	43
Woodland	6
Other	1

Acres irrigated: 9,620

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	2

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	487	42
$2,500 to $4,999	130	11
$5,000 to $9,999	202	17
$10,000 to $24,999	135	12
$25,000 to $49,999	71	6
$50,000 to $99,999	26	2
$100,000 or more	104	9

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	189	16
10 to 49 acres	418	36
50 to 179 acres	349	30
180 to 499 acres	88	8
500 to 999 acres	47	4
1,000 + acres	64	6

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	**85,013**	**70**	**254**	**1,305**	**3,077**
Crops	**70,215**	**31**	**253**	**830**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	22,597	29	232	1,095	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	23,867	33	174	71	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	321	69	188	1,105	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,359	32	225	403	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	20,591	15	155	136	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,482	119	251	1,523	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**14,797**	**150**	**254**	**1,865**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	44	109	235	1,303	3,007
Cattle and calves	11,871	143	254	1,133	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	18	103	216	1,406	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	247	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	2,003	10	254	72	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	14	79	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	260	63	229	460	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**1,827**
Sex	
Male	1,181
Female	646
Age	
<35	107
35 – 64	1,112
65 and older	608
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	2
Asian	27
Black or African American	158
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,633
More than one race	7
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	149
With military service	178
New and beginning farmers	491

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**72**
Farm organically	**-**
Sell directly to consumers	**4**
Hire farm labor	**27**
Are family farms	**94**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Cotton, all	42,210
Corn for grain	17,794
Sorghum for grain	15,911
Forage (hay/haylage), all	12,806
Rice	7,844

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	357
Cattle and calves	31,605
Goats	572
Hogs and pigs	54
Horses and ponies	2,027
Layers	2,111
Pullets	280
Sheep and lambs	411
Turkeys	48

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.