



Howard County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

| | 2017 | % change since 2012 |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 373 | -21 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 520,963 | +5 |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 1,397 | +33 |
| Total (\$) | | |
| Market value of products sold | 26,866,000 | +94 |
| Government payments | 3,272,000 | -27 |
| Farm-related income | 6,195,000 | -23 |
| Total farm production expenses | 31,218,000 | +16 |
| Net cash farm income | 5,115,000 | +1136 |
| Per farm average (\$) | | |
| Market value of products sold | 72,027 | +147 |
| Government payments (average per farm receiving) | 18,805 | +24 |
| Farm-related income | 49,961 | +26 |
| Total farm production expenses | 83,695 | +48 |
| Net cash farm income | 13,713 | +1419 |

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 75 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 25 |

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Cropland | 28 |
| Pastureland | 66 |
| Woodland | (D) |
| Other | (D) |

Acres irrigated: 6,925

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|----|
| No till | 3 |
| Reduced till | 7 |
| Intensive till | 16 |
| Cover crop | 3 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 225 | 60 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 11 | 3 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 22 | 6 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 34 | 9 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 20 | 5 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 8 | 2 |
| \$100,000 or more | 53 | 14 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 29 | 8 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 71 | 19 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 67 | 18 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 79 | 21 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 43 | 12 |
| 1,000 + acres | 84 | 23 |

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 | 26,866 | 172 | 254 | 2,208 | 3,077 |
| Crops | 20,266 | 94 | 253 | 1,638 | 3,073 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | 74 | 194 | 232 | 2,462 | 2,916 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 323 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 19,114 | 43 | 174 | 97 | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | (D) | 99 | 188 | (D) | 2,821 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | (D) | 165 | 225 | (D) | 2,748 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | (D) | 99 | 155 | (D) | 2,601 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | - | - | 43 | - | 1,384 |
| Other crops and hay | 811 | 154 | 251 | 2,061 | 3,040 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 6,600 | 206 | 254 | 2,323 | 3,073 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | (D) | 235 | (D) | 3,007 |
| Cattle and calves | 6,345 | 185 | 254 | 1,555 | 3,055 |
| Milk from cows | - | - | 94 | - | 1,892 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 216 | (D) | 2,856 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | 65 | 143 | 247 | 1,564 | 2,984 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | 160 | 140 | 254 | 1,135 | 2,970 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 79 | - | 1,251 |
| Other animals and animal products | 13 | 151 | 229 | 1,435 | 2,878 |

Total Producers ^c

582

Sex

| | |
|--------|-----|
| Male | 357 |
| Female | 225 |

Age

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| <35 | 21 |
| 35 – 64 | 292 |
| 65 and older | 269 |

Race

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 7 |
| Asian | - |
| Black or African American | - |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | - |
| White | 574 |
| More than one race | 1 |

Other characteristics

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 23 |
| With military service | 41 |
| New and beginning farmers | 169 |

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **70**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **2**

Hire farm labor **26**

Are family farms **92**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Cotton, all | 70,458 |
| Forage (hay/haylage), all | 3,831 |
| Peanuts for nuts | 1,409 |
| Wheat for grain, all | (D) |
| Sorghum for grain | (D) |

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | (D) |
| Cattle and calves | 10,490 |
| Goats | 792 |
| Hogs and pigs | 48 |
| Horses and ponies | 239 |
| Layers | 637 |
| Pullets | - |
| Sheep and lambs | 549 |
| Turkeys | 21 |

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.