



Wharton County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,500	-3
Land in farms (acres)	535,305	-19
Average size of farm (acres)	357	-16
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	208,540,000	-44
Government payments	14,777,000	+8
Farm-related income	9,719,000	-57
Total farm production expenses	176,474,000	-43
Net cash farm income	56,562,000	-45
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	139,026	-42
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	26,867	+61
Farm-related income	20,248	-42
Total farm production expenses	117,649	-41
Net cash farm income	37,708	-43

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	86
Livestock, poultry, and products	14

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	61
Pastureland	33
Woodland	5
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 56,668

11% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	4
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	14
Cover crop	1

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	548	37
\$2,500 to \$4,999	179	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	164	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	192	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	91	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	108	7
\$100,000 or more	218	15

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	152	10
10 to 49 acres	483	32
50 to 179 acres	419	28
180 to 499 acres	204	14
500 to 999 acres	92	6
1,000 + acres	150	10

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	208,540	22	254	486	3,077
Crops	179,249	2	253	194	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	74,447	3	232	543	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	49,444	16	174	28	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,359	35	188	662	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,030	48	225	467	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	49,275	4	155	62	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,695	54	251	690	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	29,291	103	254	1,352	3,073
Poultry and eggs	112	82	235	1,021	3,007
Cattle and calves	23,219	86	254	697	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	78	94	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	216	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	34	172	247	1,959	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	259	107	254	806	2,970
Aquaculture	5,123	3	79	64	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	37	229	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	2,431	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	
Male	1,631	67	Cotton, all 80,643
Female	800		Corn for grain 69,499
Age		Farm organically	Rice 30,369
<35	242	1	Forage (hay/haylage), all 25,779
35 – 64	1,317		Sorghum for grain 18,383
65 and older	872		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	6	1	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 627
Asian	18		Cattle and calves 57,475
Black or African American	215	Hire farm labor	Goats 436
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	25	Hogs and pigs 133
White	2,175		Horses and ponies 1,580
More than one race	17	Are family farms	Layers 7,670
Other characteristics		96	Pullets 34
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	197		Sheep and lambs 700
With military service	221		Turkeys 38
New and beginning farmers	730		

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.