



# Texas 8th District

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	9,409
Land in farms (acres)	1,692,702
Average size of farm (acres)	180
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<b>Total</b>	(\$)
Market value of products sold	341,363,000
Government payments	1,033,000
Farm-related income	20,124,000
Total farm production expenses	386,074,000
Net cash farm income	-23,554,000
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<b>Per farm average</b>	(\$)
Market value of products sold	36,280
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,133
Farm-related income	8,596
Total farm production expenses	41,032
Net cash farm income	-2,503

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	40
Livestock, poultry, and products	60

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	16
Pastureland	58
Woodland	22
Other	4

**Acres irrigated: 12,636**

1% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	2
Cover crop	3

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	4,381	47
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,263	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,334	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,313	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	585	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	272	3
\$100,000 or more	261	3

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	994	11
10 to 49 acres	3,548	38
50 to 179 acres	2,939	31
180 to 499 acres	1,267	13
500 to 999 acres	381	4
1,000 + acres	280	3

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	CDs Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>341,363</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>431</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>136,433</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>431</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,709	22	34	262	381
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	68
Cotton and cottonseed	2,107	19	27	73	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	6,412	11	35	197	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	3,229	16	35	206	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	101,608	1	34	32	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	69	7	17	175	326
Other crops and hay	20,299	12	35	138	395
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>204,930</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>422</b>
Poultry and eggs	72,130	7	36	102	404
Cattle and calves	109,226	14	36	90	396
Milk from cows	(D)	15	20	226	312
Hogs and pigs	2,818	2	32	110	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	682	18	35	174	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	36	(D)	393
Aquaculture	2	20	24	179	328
Other animals and animal products	(D)	2	34	(D)	413

Total Producers <sup>c</sup>

15,609

Sex

Male 9,437  
Female 6,172

Age

<35 1,002  
35 – 64 8,456  
65 and older 6,151

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native 67  
Asian 68  
Black or African American 1,309  
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 4  
White 14,031  
More than one race 130

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 778  
With military service 2,039  
New and beginning farmers 4,630

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **73**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **3**

Hire farm labor **20**

Are family farms **98**

Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>

Forage (hay/haylage), all 178,888  
Corn for grain 6,107  
Cotton, all 6,099  
Pecans, all 2,714  
Vegetables harvested, all 1,638

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 4,260,628  
Cattle and calves 288,598  
Goats 9,359  
Hogs and pigs 11,858  
Horses and ponies 14,503  
Layers 240,036  
Pullets (D)  
Sheep and lambs 5,393  
Turkeys 1,106

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

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among CDs whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</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>e</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.