



Texas 15th District

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	8,984
Land in farms (acres)	3,792,508
Average size of farm (acres)	422
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Total	(\$)
Market value of products sold	372,617,000
Government payments	10,272,000
Farm-related income	37,015,000
Total farm production expenses	399,396,000
Net cash farm income	20,509,000
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Per farm average	(\$)
Market value of products sold	41,476
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,834
Farm-related income	17,493
Total farm production expenses	44,456
Net cash farm income	2,283

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	61
Livestock, poultry, and products	39

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	15
Pastureland	72
Woodland	10
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 115,088

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	2
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	2

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	4,594	51
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,156	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,144	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,049	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	452	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	215	2
\$100,000 or more	374	4

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	1,118	12
10 to 49 acres	2,498	28
50 to 179 acres	2,598	29
180 to 499 acres	1,588	18
500 to 999 acres	541	6
1,000 + acres	641	7

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	CDs Producing Item
Total	372,617	12	36	183	431
Crops	225,502	8	36	151	431
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	52,371	10	34	139	381
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	68
Cotton and cottonseed	34,693	8	27	33	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	57,751	2	35	60	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	33,704	1	35	61	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	15	34	215	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	10	17	(D)	326
Other crops and hay	29,617	9	35	106	395
Livestock, poultry, and products	147,115	15	36	174	422
Poultry and eggs	25,095	10	36	134	404
Cattle and calves	115,394	13	36	86	396
Milk from cows	-	-	20	-	312
Hogs and pigs	(D)	19	32	(D)	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	2,224	8	35	78	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,534	19	36	176	393
Aquaculture	(D)	22	24	183	328
Other animals and animal products	2,676	13	34	96	413

Total Producers ^c

14,451

Sex

Male 9,359
Female 5,092

Age

<35 756
35 – 64 8,362
65 and older 5,333

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native 94
Asian 59
Black or African American 184
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -
White 14,016
More than one race 98

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 5,649
With military service 2,099
New and beginning farmers 4,064

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **64**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **2**

Hire farm labor **23**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all 104,199
Sorghum for grain 93,306
Corn for grain 72,438
Cotton, all 50,284
Sugarcane for sugar 17,146

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 844,222
Cattle and calves 250,297
Goats 13,339
Hogs and pigs 2,352
Horses and ponies 7,779
Layers (D)
Pullets 2,289
Sheep and lambs 8,742
Turkeys 330

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 CDs 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.