



Bell County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	2,436	-4
Land in farms (acres)	487,052	+16
Average size of farm (acres)	200	+20
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	77,032,000	-9
Government payments	3,755,000	+77
Farm-related income	4,008,000	-18
Total farm production expenses	75,528,000	-8
Net cash farm income	9,266,000	-6
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	31,622	-6
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	16,049	+212
Farm-related income	7,449	+1
Total farm production expenses	31,005	-4
Net cash farm income	3,804	-2

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	49
Livestock, poultry, and products	51

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	31
Pastureland	63
Woodland	4
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 2,305

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	1,467	60
\$2,500 to \$4,999	301	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	222	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	264	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	72	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42	2
\$100,000 or more	68	3

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	345	14
10 to 49 acres	1,162	48
50 to 179 acres	612	25
180 to 499 acres	190	8
500 to 999 acres	69	3
1,000 + acres	58	2

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	77,032	74	254	1,391	3,077
Crops	38,084	55	253	1,274	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	31,084	24	232	966	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	3,108	92	174	330	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	212	76	188	1,254	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,171	38	225	433	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	283	91	155	1,206	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,226	89	251	1,112	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	38,947	83	254	1,132	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	29	235	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	125	254	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	80	94	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	80	47	216	969	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	630	41	247	264	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	667	49	254	312	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	79	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	323	60	229	397	2,878

Total Producers ^c	4,121	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Corn for grain 67,409
Male	2,394	75	Forage (hay/haylage), all 28,533
Female	1,727		Wheat for grain, all 14,635
Age		Farm organically	Sorghum for grain 7,264
<35	204	-	Cotton, all 6,261
35 – 64	2,394		
65 and older	1,523		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	24	4	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 1,170
Asian	26		Cattle and calves 36,868
Black or African American	108	Hire farm labor	Goats 8,126
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	7	18	Hogs and pigs 803
White	3,906		Horses and ponies 2,785
More than one race	50		Layers 9,506
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 882
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	266	98	Sheep and lambs 5,150
With military service	807		Turkeys (D)
New and beginning farmers	1,131		

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.