



Brazoria County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	2,851	-8
Land in farms (acres)	460,005	-27
Average size of farm (acres)	161	-21
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	79,526,000	-33
Government payments	7,201,000	+49
Farm-related income	6,640,000	+25
Total farm production expenses	100,170,000	-19
Net cash farm income	-6,804,000	-227
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	27,894	-27
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	44,177	+167
Farm-related income	13,148	+63
Total farm production expenses	35,135	-12
Net cash farm income	-2,386	-238

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	54
Livestock, poultry, and products	46

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	29
Pastureland	59
Woodland	8
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 20,048

4% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

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

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	1,708	60
\$2,500 to \$4,999	362	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	335	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	239	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	85	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	2
\$100,000 or more	77	3

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	491	17
10 to 49 acres	1,464	51
50 to 179 acres	514	18
180 to 499 acres	217	8
500 to 999 acres	94	3
1,000 + acres	71	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	79,526	72	254	1,360	3,077
Crops	42,731	48	253	1,196	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	19,204	34	232	1,165	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	174	(D)	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	9,280	6	188	231	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	63	225	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	9,635	24	155	248	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,901	71	251	873	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	36,794	89	254	1,172	3,073
Poultry and eggs	1,730	45	235	706	3,007
Cattle and calves	25,044	80	254	639	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	216	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	259	73	247	628	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,495	16	254	114	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	2	79	54	1,251
Other animals and animal products	959	16	229	187	2,878

Total Producers ^c	4,614	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all
Male	2,795	75	Rice
Female	1,819		Corn for grain
Age		Farm organically	Sorghum for grain
<35	320	-	Soybeans for beans
35 – 64	3,008		
65 and older	1,286		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	48	4	Broilers and other meat-type chickens
Asian	84		Cattle and calves
Black or African American	309	Hire farm labor	Goats
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	16	Hogs and pigs
White	4,130		Horses and ponies
More than one race	42	Are family farms	Layers
Other characteristics		98	Pullets
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	566		Sheep and lambs
With military service	540		Turkeys
New and beginning farmers	1,562		

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.