



Dawson County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	386	-35
Land in farms (acres)	535,641	-4
Average size of farm (acres)	1,388	+48
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	121,296,000	+66
Government payments	11,958,000	+7
Farm-related income	11,660,000	-58
Total farm production expenses	97,614,000	+18
Net cash farm income	47,300,000	+61
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	314,238	+156
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	38,826	+90
Farm-related income	57,437	-36
Total farm production expenses	252,887	+83
Net cash farm income	122,538	+149

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	98
Livestock, poultry, and products	2

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	76
Pastureland	21
Woodland	(Z)
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 54,834

10% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	13
Intensive till	38
Cover crop	15

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	170	44
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7	2
\$10,000 to \$24,999	16	4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	13	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19	5
\$100,000 or more	146	38

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	5	1
10 to 49 acres	40	10
50 to 179 acres	83	22
180 to 499 acres	88	23
500 to 999 acres	38	10
1,000 + acres	132	34

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	121,296	46	254	963	3,077
Crops	118,397	10	253	442	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,333	112	232	1,892	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	96,705	6	174	8	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	-	-	188	-	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	62	225	538	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	124	155	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	18,571	4	251	135	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	2,898	243	254	2,637	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	194	235	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,555	234	254	2,054	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	172	22	216	776	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	206	247	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	165	137	254	1,111	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	79	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	-	-	229	-	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	644
Male	411
Female	233
Age	
<35	42
35 – 64	330
65 and older	272
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	643
More than one race	1
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	37
With military service	49
New and beginning farmers	170

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	73
Farm organically	4
Sell directly to consumers	(Z)
Hire farm labor	50
Are family farms	92

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Cotton, all	259,949
Peanuts for nuts	19,988
Forage (hay/haylage), all	5,512
Sorghum for grain	3,681
Wheat for grain, all	3,255

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	5,584
Goats	117
Hogs and pigs	670
Horses and ponies	257
Layers	165
Pullets	-
Sheep and lambs	224
Turkeys	-

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.