



Erath County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	2,402	+11
Land in farms (acres)	625,532	+3
Average size of farm (acres)	260	-7
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	312,277,000	+22
Government payments	1,229,000	-32
Farm-related income	6,150,000	+10
Total farm production expenses	275,168,000	+19
Net cash farm income	44,489,000	+34
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	130,007	+10
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,127	+43
Farm-related income	10,082	-1
Total farm production expenses	114,558	+7
Net cash farm income	18,522	+21

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	6
Livestock, poultry, and products	94

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	21
Pastureland	63
Woodland	12
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 14,310

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	4
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	1,065	44
\$2,500 to \$4,999	266	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	336	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	319	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	140	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	108	4
\$100,000 or more	168	7

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	227	9
10 to 49 acres	722	30
50 to 179 acres	716	30
180 to 499 acres	452	19
500 to 999 acres	146	6
1,000 + acres	139	6

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	312,277	18	254	235	3,077
Crops	19,105	98	253	1,676	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,967	121	232	1,938	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	145	174	(D)	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	105	188	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,148	39	225	437	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	8,429	25	155	277	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	7,372	14	251	341	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	293,172	16	254	109	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	235	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	61,970	23	254	217	3,055
Milk from cows	225,851	2	94	27	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	34	216	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	1,690	16	247	102	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	2,784	5	254	54	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	79	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	682	27	229	233	2,878

Total Producers ^c	4,026	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	78
Male	2,394		
Female	1,632		
Age		Farm organically	(Z)
<35	274		
35 – 64	2,180		
65 and older	1,572		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	2
American Indian/Alaska Native	50		
Asian	11		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	3,937	Hire farm labor	19
More than one race	28		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	98
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	237		
With military service	409		
New and beginning farmers	1,094		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	813
		Cattle and calves	183,469
		Goats	7,074
		Hogs and pigs	296
		Horses and ponies	4,242
		Layers	5,206
		Pullets	466
		Sheep and lambs	9,041
		Turkeys	114

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.