



Hale County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	671	-25
Land in farms (acres)	584,023	-9
Average size of farm (acres)	870	+22
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	411,704,000	(Z)
Government payments	14,493,000	-5
Farm-related income	14,901,000	-55
Total farm production expenses	366,526,000	-9
Net cash farm income	74,572,000	+40
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	613,568	+35
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	29,578	+49
Farm-related income	47,005	-21
Total farm production expenses	546,238	+21
Net cash farm income	111,136	+87

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	33
Livestock, poultry, and products	67

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	79
Pastureland	18
Woodland	(Z)
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 189,342

32% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	14
Reduced till	23
Intensive till	20
Cover crop	13

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	316	47
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	21	3
\$10,000 to \$24,999	47	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	34	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25	4
\$100,000 or more	201	30

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	45	7
10 to 49 acres	80	12
50 to 179 acres	150	22
180 to 499 acres	142	21
500 to 999 acres	69	10
1,000 + acres	185	28

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	411,704	14	254	138	3,077
Crops	137,023	7	253	350	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	25,405	27	232	1,047	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	105,765	2	174	4	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	4,826	13	188	353	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	142	225	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	155	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	144	251	1,937	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	274,681	18	254	126	3,073
Poultry and eggs	21	126	235	1,561	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	14	254	70	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	10	94	94	1,892
Hogs and pigs	31	84	216	1,248	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	218	79	247	734	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	37	200	254	1,943	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	79	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	229	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,113	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Cotton, all 211,914
Male	705	71	Corn for grain 32,612
Female	408		Wheat for grain, all 20,707
Age		Farm organically	Sorghum for grain 15,373
<35	97	-	Forage (hay/haylage), all 7,038
35 – 64	612		
65 and older	404		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	1	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 332
Asian	3		Cattle and calves 132,013
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 1,503
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	36	Hogs and pigs 342
White	1,098		Horses and ponies 237
More than one race	8	Are family farms	Layers 1,370
Other characteristics		91	Pullets 90
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	117		Sheep and lambs 1,248
With military service	76		Turkeys -
New and beginning farmers	342		

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.