



Lavaca County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	2,900	+11
Land in farms (acres)	506,548	-7
Average size of farm (acres)	175	-16
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	50,548,000	-18
Government payments	856,000	-41
Farm-related income	3,909,000	+12
Total farm production expenses	64,366,000	-10
Net cash farm income	-9,054,000	-89
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	17,430	-26
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,237	-20
Farm-related income	7,417	+3
Total farm production expenses	22,195	-19
Net cash farm income	-3,122	-71

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	15
Livestock, poultry, and products	85

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	15
Pastureland	67
Woodland	15
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 2,640

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

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

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	960	33
\$2,500 to \$4,999	412	14
\$5,000 to \$9,999	552	19
\$10,000 to \$24,999	562	19
\$25,000 to \$49,999	241	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	112	4
\$100,000 or more	61	2

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	190	7
10 to 49 acres	808	28
50 to 179 acres	1,203	41
180 to 499 acres	533	18
500 to 999 acres	111	4
1,000 + acres	55	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	50,548	117	254	1,745	3,077
Crops	7,500	153	253	2,178	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,266	114	232	1,900	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	174	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	118	93	188	1,491	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,062	46	225	459	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	395	82	155	1,113	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,659	56	251	701	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	43,048	74	254	1,054	3,073
Poultry and eggs	4,558	40	235	642	3,007
Cattle and calves	34,924	52	254	438	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	41	94	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	59	58	216	1,047	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	49	157	247	1,756	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	141	148	254	1,211	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	26	79	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	229	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	4,739	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all
Male	2,983	65	45,637
Female	1,756		Corn for grain
Age		Farm organically	3,147
<35	277	(Z)	Rice
35 – 64	2,495		1,685
65 and older	1,967	Sell directly to consumers	Pecans, all
Race		1	1,271
American Indian/Alaska Native	9	Hire farm labor	Sorghum for grain
Asian	14	17	(D)
Black or African American	87		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3	Are family farms	Broilers and other meat-type chickens
White	4,616	98	599
More than one race	10		Cattle and calves
Other characteristics			102,317
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	258		Goats
With military service	572		1,034
New and beginning farmers	991		Hogs and pigs
			241
			Horses and ponies
			1,161
			Layers
			100,906
			Pullets
			292
			Sheep and lambs
			501
			Turkeys
			68

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.