



Mason County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	680	+6
Land in farms (acres)	539,413	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	793	-8
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	21,679,000	-58
Government payments	1,416,000	-19
Farm-related income	3,751,000	+3
Total farm production expenses	26,233,000	-62
Net cash farm income	613,000	+105
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	31,881	-60
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	13,886	+65
Farm-related income	14,156	-8
Total farm production expenses	38,578	-64
Net cash farm income	902	+105

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	11
Livestock, poultry, and products	89

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	4
Pastureland	85
Woodland	9
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 3,935

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

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

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	198	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	106	16
\$10,000 to \$24,999	132	19
\$25,000 to \$49,999	82	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52	8
\$100,000 or more	58	9

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	19	3
10 to 49 acres	86	13
50 to 179 acres	143	21
180 to 499 acres	164	24
500 to 999 acres	115	17
1,000 + acres	153	23

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	21,679	185	254	2,338	3,077
Crops	2,316	203	253	2,640	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	232	-	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	174	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	77	188	1,273	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	78	225	734	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	155	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,722	106	251	1,358	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	19,363	129	254	1,666	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	131	235	1,606	3,007
Cattle and calves	18,120	109	254	850	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	216	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	969	28	247	173	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	185	126	254	1,031	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	79	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	68	105	229	877	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,169

Sex

Male	728
Female	441

Age

<35	55
35 – 64	590
65 and older	524

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	9
Asian	-
Black or African American	5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,153
More than one race	2

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	81
With military service	119
New and beginning farmers	325

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **70**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **1**

Hire farm labor **27**

Are family farms **95**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	7,131
Peanuts for nuts	340
Pecans, all	186
Oats for grain	120
Wheat for grain, all	120

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	38,329
Goats	7,072
Hogs and pigs	38
Horses and ponies	253
Layers	1,499
Pullets	900
Sheep and lambs	3,945
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.