



Matagorda County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	858	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	551,385	-3
Average size of farm (acres)	643	-3
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	124,216,000	-4
Government payments	9,559,000	+81
Farm-related income	7,722,000	-45
Total farm production expenses	104,267,000	-15
Net cash farm income	37,228,000	+45
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	144,773	-4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	41,741	+134
Farm-related income	26,175	-45
Total farm production expenses	121,524	-16
Net cash farm income	43,390	+45

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	59
Livestock, poultry, and products	41

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	32
Pastureland	59
Woodland	8
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 25,596

5% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	2

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	306	36
\$2,500 to \$4,999	83	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	102	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	103	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	80	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43	5
\$100,000 or more	141	16

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	65	8
10 to 49 acres	246	29
50 to 179 acres	209	24
180 to 499 acres	150	17
500 to 999 acres	61	7
1,000 + acres	127	15

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	124,216	41	254	942	3,077
Crops	73,086	29	253	800	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	31,882	23	232	960	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	17,009	46	174	111	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	134	188	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,542	24	225	373	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	21,635	14	155	130	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	139	251	1,884	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	51,129	59	254	924	3,073
Poultry and eggs	17	135	235	1,640	3,007
Cattle and calves	20,798	97	254	771	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	216	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	197	247	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	80	173	254	1,564	2,970
Aquaculture	30,131	1	79	11	1,251
Other animals and animal products	80	99	229	823	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,374

Sex

Male 950
Female 424

Age

<35 139
35 – 64 763
65 and older 472

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native 11
Asian 19
Black or African American 76
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 2
White 1,247
More than one race 19

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 92
With military service 171
New and beginning farmers 399

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **71**

Farm organically **2**

Sell directly to consumers **2**

Hire farm labor **32**

Are family farms **97**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain 32,924
Cotton, all 25,911
Forage (hay/haylage), all 16,248
Sorghum for grain 14,501
Rice 12,187

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 338
Cattle and calves 53,896
Goats 637
Hogs and pigs 362
Horses and ponies 791
Layers 1,395
Pullets 122
Sheep and lambs 319
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.