



Nueces County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	646	-14
Land in farms (acres)	474,868	-9
Average size of farm (acres)	735	+6
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	161,022,000	+90
Government payments	8,905,000	+67
Farm-related income	3,319,000	-84
Total farm production expenses	122,411,000	+28
Net cash farm income	50,835,000	+215
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	249,261	+121
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	50,311	+147
Farm-related income	16,189	-78
Total farm production expenses	189,491	+50
Net cash farm income	78,692	+268

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	96
Livestock, poultry, and products	4

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	70
Pastureland	26
Woodland	2
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 1,180

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	2
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	363	56
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	46	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	45	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	18	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18	3
\$100,000 or more	101	16

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	115	18
10 to 49 acres	284	44
50 to 179 acres	94	15
180 to 499 acres	40	6
500 to 999 acres	27	4
1,000 + acres	86	13

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	161,022	28	254	699	3,077
Crops	154,902	5	253	276	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	56,112	7	232	701	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	97,200	4	174	6	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	113	188	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	183	225	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	65	155	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	367	186	251	2,459	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	6,120	211	254	2,357	3,073
Poultry and eggs	29	116	235	1,436	3,007
Cattle and calves	3,265	223	254	1,939	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	69	53	216	1,007	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	46	161	247	1,800	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	9	79	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	262	62	229	458	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,080	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Sorghum for grain 142,457
Male	671	64	Cotton, all 128,293
Female	409		Corn for grain 24,820
Age		Farm organically	Forage (hay/haylage), all 4,967
<35	46	1	Wheat for grain, all 3,012
35 – 64	699		
65 and older	335		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	3	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 581
Asian	10		Cattle and calves 10,414
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 603
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	23	Hogs and pigs 331
White	1,060		Horses and ponies 806
More than one race	6		Layers 2,328
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 338
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	318	97	Sheep and lambs 379
With military service	152		Turkeys 23
New and beginning farmers	369		

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.