



Sterling County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	76	+4
Land in farms (acres)	584,290	(Z)
Average size of farm (acres)	7,688	-4
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	7,699,000	(D)
Government payments	165,000	-77
Farm-related income	1,582,000	+190
Total farm production expenses	7,698,000	-29
Net cash farm income	1,747,000	+181
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	101,300	(D)
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	23,533	-4
Farm-related income	54,552	+140
Total farm production expenses	101,293	-32
Net cash farm income	22,991	+177

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	(D)
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	2
Pastureland	98
Woodland	(D)
Other	(D)

Acres irrigated: 411

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	4
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	4
Cover crop	-

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	29	38
\$2,500 to \$4,999	-	-
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	9	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	13
\$100,000 or more	17	22

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	4	5
10 to 49 acres	-	-
50 to 179 acres	8	11
180 to 499 acres	13	17
500 to 999 acres	12	16
1,000 + acres	39	51

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	7,699	235	254	2,747	3,077
Crops	(D)	244	253	2,985	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	186	232	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	174	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	-	-	188	-	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	-	-	225	-	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	155	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	243	251	2,754	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)	204	254	2,261	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	199	235	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	6,071	191	254	1,581	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	-	-	216	-	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	1,337	22	247	129	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	79	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	-	-	229	-	2,878

Total Producers ^c	114	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Wheat for grain, all (D)
Male	78	87	Forage (hay/haylage), all 145
Female	36		
Age		Farm organically	
<35	2	-	
35 – 64	59		
65 and older	53		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	-	Broilers and other meat-type chickens -
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 12,835
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 3,258
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	37	Hogs and pigs -
White	111		Horses and ponies 177
More than one race	3	Are family farms	Layers (D)
Other characteristics		93	Pullets -
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4		Sheep and lambs 9,396
With military service	5		Turkeys -
New and beginning farmers	21		

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.