



Wheeler County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	510	-7
Land in farms (acres)	529,151	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	1,038	+10
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	70,596,000	-37
Government payments	3,608,000	+36
Farm-related income	2,512,000	+4
Total farm production expenses	64,275,000	-45
Net cash farm income	12,441,000	+934
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	138,423	-31
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	15,225	+93
Farm-related income	15,318	+11
Total farm production expenses	126,030	-41
Net cash farm income	24,394	+1001

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	12
Livestock, poultry, and products	88

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	23
Pastureland	74
Woodland	(Z)
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 12,345

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	218	43
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	71	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	59	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	41	8
\$100,000 or more	64	13

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	20	4
10 to 49 acres	29	6
50 to 179 acres	136	27
180 to 499 acres	120	24
500 to 999 acres	78	15
1,000 + acres	127	25

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	70,596	82	254	1,468	3,077
Crops	8,465	150	253	2,128	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,556	125	232	2,007	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	6,297	81	174	244	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	157	188	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	177	225	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	155	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	599	166	251	2,239	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	62,131	48	254	802	3,073
Poultry and eggs	5	163	235	1,927	3,007
Cattle and calves	61,832	24	254	219	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	12	126	216	1,534	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	37	168	247	1,913	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	218	117	254	900	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	37	79	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	229	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	847
Male	542
Female	305
Age	
<35	65
35 – 64	367
65 and older	415
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	5
Asian	6
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	821
More than one race	15
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	12
With military service	79
New and beginning farmers	202

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	72
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	1
Hire farm labor	21
Are family farms	93

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	22,254
Cotton, all	13,243
Wheat for grain, all	5,638
Rye for grain	1,030
Corn for grain	962

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	-
Cattle and calves	59,431
Goats	96
Hogs and pigs	70
Horses and ponies	472
Layers	318
Pullets	44
Sheep and lambs	57
Turkeys	(D)

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.