



Denton County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	3,295	+3
Land in farms (acres)	359,442	-6
Average size of farm (acres)	109	-9
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	123,210,000	-10
Government payments	1,877,000	+55
Farm-related income	11,656,000	+33
Total farm production expenses	157,578,000	-5
Net cash farm income	-20,836,000	-15
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	37,393	-13
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,810	+78
Farm-related income	21,078	+46
Total farm production expenses	47,823	-7
Net cash farm income	-6,323	-11

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	20
Livestock, poultry, and products	80

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	40
Pastureland	53
Woodland	4
Other	2

Acres irrigated: 2,913

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	2,210	67
\$2,500 to \$4,999	320	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	274	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	212	6
\$25,000 to \$49,999	114	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	62	2
\$100,000 or more	103	3

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	1,323	40
10 to 49 acres	1,320	40
50 to 179 acres	389	12
180 to 499 acres	137	4
500 to 999 acres	46	1
1,000 + acres	80	2

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	123,210	43	254	945	3,077
Crops	24,242	85	253	1,539	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	8,319	64	232	1,448	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	1,887	110	174	384	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	79	188	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	273	95	225	879	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	8,394	26	155	279	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	22	43	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	5,157	33	251	479	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	98,967	32	254	520	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	13	235	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	254	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	154	25	216	800	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	494	51	247	341	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	2	254	16	2,970
Aquaculture	6	43	79	289	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	229	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	5,508	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all 52,828
Male	3,083	82	Wheat for grain, all 31,277
Female	2,425		Sorghum for grain 9,346
Age		Farm organically	Cotton, all 3,310
<35	214	(Z)	Soybeans for beans 3,277
35 – 64	3,484		
65 and older	1,810		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	33	5	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 930
Asian	30		Cattle and calves 38,843
Black or African American	26		Goats 4,266
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	5		Hogs and pigs 555
White	5,360	Hire farm labor	Horses and ponies 9,341
More than one race	54	17	Layers (D)
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	209	98	Sheep and lambs 2,978
With military service	664		Turkeys 373
New and beginning farmers	1,662		

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.