Ector County
Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	275	+4
Land in farms (acres)	557,889	+30
Average size of farm (acres)	2,029	+25
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	3,382,000	+54
Government payments	57,000	-73
Farm-related income	3,854,000	+540
Total farm production expenses	8,683,000	+29
Net cash farm income	-1,389,000	+63
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	12,298	+48
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,362	-5
Farm-related income	113,364	+954
Total farm production expenses	31,576	+24
Net cash farm income	-5,053	+64

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	8
Livestock, poultry, and products	92

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	(Z)
Pastureland	98
Woodland	(Z)
Other	1

Acres irrigated: 881

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	1
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	197	72
$2,500 to $4,999	16	6
$5,000 to $9,999	24	9
$10,000 to $24,999	8	3
$25,000 to $49,999	6	2
$50,000 to $99,999	12	4
$100,000 or more	12	4

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	115	42
10 to 49 acres	74	27
50 to 179 acres	38	14
180 to 499 acres	6	2
500 to 999 acres	2	1
1,000 + acres	40	15

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**3,382**	**249**	**254**	**2,909**	**3,077**
Crops	**256**	**240**	**253**	**2,964**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	227	232	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	174	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	149	188	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	34	160	225	1,624	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	97	155	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	24	237	251	2,737	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**3,126**	**241**	**254**	**2,620**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	6	156	235	1,883	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,724	230	254	2,019	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	216	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	34	173	247	1,964	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	326	90	254	660	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	79	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	125	229	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**429**

Sex
Male	265
Female	164

Age
<35	29
35 – 64	295
65 and older	105

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	16
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	408
More than one race	5

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	100
With military service	32
New and beginning farmers	127

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**76**
Farm organically	**-**
Sell directly to consumers	**10**
Hire farm labor	**24**
Are family farms	**96**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	760
Pecans, all	81
Wheat for grain, all	(D)
Vegetables harvested, all	9
Watermelons	6

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	66
Cattle and calves	8,377
Goats	891
Hogs and pigs	81
Horses and ponies	1,147
Layers	1,246
Pullets	130
Sheep and lambs	574
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.