Hidalgo County
Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	2,436	+13
Land in farms (acres)	623,875	-22
Average size of farm (acres)	256	-30
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	311,030,000	-31
Government payments	6,631,000	-27
Farm-related income	18,114,000	-12
Total farm production expenses	257,731,000	-33
Net cash farm income	78,043,000	-20
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	127,681	-39
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	26,002	+23
Farm-related income	31,890	-3
Total farm production expenses	105,801	-41
Net cash farm income	32,037	-29

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	94
Livestock, poultry, and products	6

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	57
Pastureland	31
Woodland	8
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 162,485

26% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	4
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	2

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	1,477	61
$2,500 to $4,999	231	9
$5,000 to $9,999	187	8
$10,000 to $24,999	155	6
$25,000 to $49,999	90	4
$50,000 to $99,999	60	2
$100,000 or more	236	10

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	917	38
10 to 49 acres	877	36
50 to 179 acres	256	11
180 to 499 acres	144	6
500 to 999 acres	86	4
1,000 + acres	156	6

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	**311,030**	**19**	**254**	**237**	**3,077**
Crops	**293,402**	**1**	**253**	**63**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	40,936	17	232	852	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	44,034	20	174	33	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	109,815	1	188	27	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	45,030	1	225	66	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	23,022	13	155	123	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	30,564	2	251	70	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**17,628**	**138**	**254**	**1,753**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	118	80	235	1,007	3,007
Cattle and calves	16,459	117	254	930	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	94	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	52	62	216	1,087	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	372	58	247	459	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	415	70	254	517	2,970
Aquaculture	(Z)	68	79	345	1,251
Other animals and animal products	212	69	229	509	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**3,896**
Sex	
Male	2,590
Female	1,306
Age	
<35	266
35 – 64	2,555
65 and older	1,075
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	24
Asian	44
Black or African American	17
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	3,789
More than one race	22
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2,952
With military service	487
New and beginning farmers	1,263

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**62**
Farm organically	**1**
Sell directly to consumers	**4**
Hire farm labor	**33**
Are family farms	**96**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Sorghum for grain	84,012
Cotton, all	61,267
Corn for grain	41,516
Sugarcane for sugar	24,173
Vegetables harvested, all	22,424

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,947
Cattle and calves	30,287
Goats	5,992
Hogs and pigs	1,114
Horses and ponies	2,493
Layers	12,643
Pullets	1,059
Sheep and lambs	5,467
Turkeys	125

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.