

2002 Census of Agriculture Congressional District Profile

109th Congress District 17, Texas

Number of farms: 16,232

Land in farms: 4,114,613 acres

Average size of farm: 253 acres

Irrigated Land: 50,160 acres

Total Number of Farm Operators: 23,963

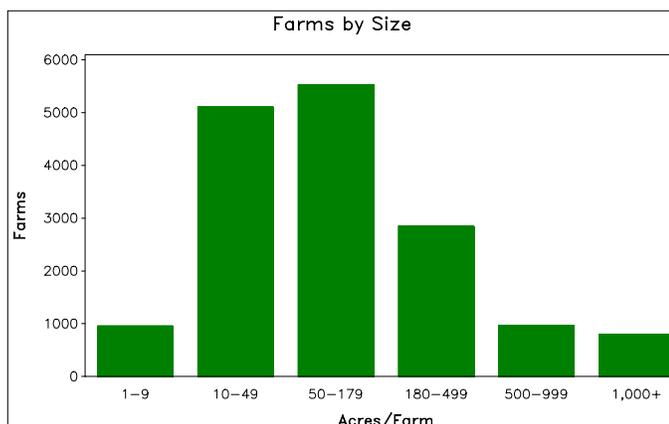
Market Value of Production: \$457,999,000

Market Value of Production, average per farm: \$28,216

Government Payments: \$11,590,000

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments: \$7,517

Gross Income from Farm Related Sources: \$16,182,000



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United States Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 32 congressional districts in the state, and among the 435 congressional districts in the U.S., 2002

| Item | Quantity | State Rank | Universe ¹ | U.S. Rank | Universe ¹ |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Total value of agricultural products sold | 457,999 | 10 | 32 | 132 | 418 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) ² | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 51,872 | 7 | 31 | 90 | 370 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 106 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 16,794 | 8 | 22 | 36 | 110 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 2,831 | 15 | 30 | 247 | 398 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 3,024 | 7 | 31 | 155 | 402 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 48,184 | 5 | 32 | 81 | 415 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 22 | (D) | 351 |
| Poultry and eggs | 85,252 | 4 | 31 | 67 | 382 |
| Cattle and calves | 187,252 | 8 | 32 | 43 | 389 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 33,070 | 7 | 21 | 133 | 338 |
| Hogs and pigs | 966 | 6 | 29 | 168 | 371 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 1,467 | 6 | 32 | 59 | 379 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 8,932 | 3 | 32 | 19 | 398 |
| Aquaculture | 24 | 16 | 20 | 273 | 320 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | (D) | 4 | 29 | (D) | 353 |
| Cattle and calves | 723,093 | 6 | 32 | 31 | 394 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 703,478 | 7 | 31 | 112 | 386 |
| Turkeys | 103,078 | 4 | 29 | 67 | 357 |
| All Goats | 29,334 | 7 | 32 | 11 | 388 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 386,478 | 3 | 32 | 41 | 391 |
| Corn for grain | 131,756 | 6 | 29 | 73 | 328 |
| All Wheat for grain | 101,971 | 5 | 28 | 38 | 322 |
| Sorghum for grain | 77,236 | 9 | 27 | 18 | 242 |
| All Cotton | 48,011 | 7 | 23 | 39 | 112 |

Other Congressional District Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 4,293 | Farming | 8,122 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 3,006 | Other | 8,110 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 2,585 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 2,366 | Male | 14,362 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 1,642 | Female | 1,870 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 364 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 56.6 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 660 | All operators ³ by race: | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 234 | White | 22,579 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 500 | Black or African American | 694 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 312 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 172 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 137 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 10 |
| \$500,000 or more | 133 | Asian | 34 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 466,721 | More than one race | 87 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 28,532 | All operators ³ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 738 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 30,858 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 1,886 | | |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of congressional districts in state or U.S. with item.

² Categories are not comprehensive and will not sum to total.

³ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.