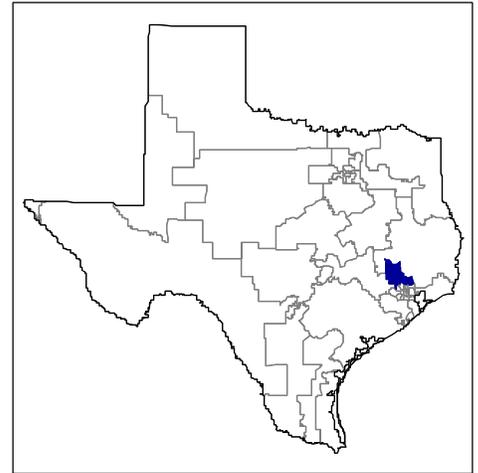




2002 Census of Agriculture Congressional District Profile

Correction issued January 2005. See Economic Characteristics table.



District 8, Texas

Number of farms: 1,989

Land in farms: 196,716 acres

Average size of farm: 99 acres

Irrigated Land: 2,317 acres

Total Number of Farm Operators: 3,176

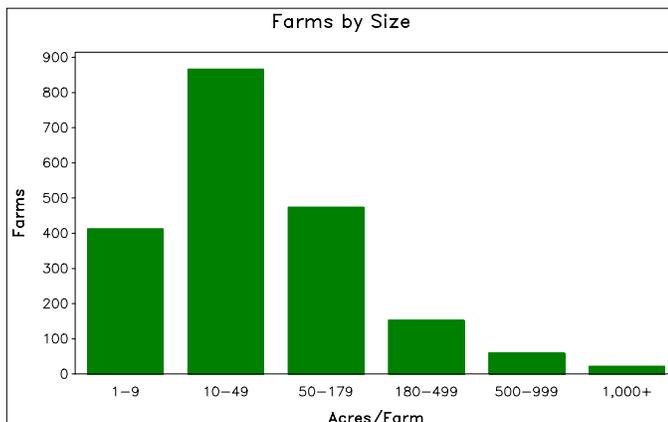
Market Value of Production: \$31,080,000

Market Value of Production, average per farm: \$15,626

Government Payments: \$135,000

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments: \$3,758

Gross Income from Farm Related Sources: \$2,132,000



**2002 Census of Agriculture
Congressional District Profile
United States Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service**

District 8, Texas

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	31,080	22	32	321	418
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) ²					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	103	27	32	325	371
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	106
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	23	-	111
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,191	19	30	306	398
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	145	22	32	340	403
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	18,616	11	32	201	415
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	167	10	20	201	349
Poultry and eggs	158	18	31	286	382
Cattle and calves	6,536	21	32	244	389
Milk and other dairy products from cows	774	18	22	300	339
Hogs and pigs	131	20	31	266	372
Sheep, goats, and their products	133	20	32	237	380
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,179	15	32	120	398
Aquaculture	3	17	23	302	321
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	37,532	21	32	233	394
Quail	(D)	6	25	(D)	313
Horses and ponies	6,180	19	32	181	408
All Goats	4,638	17	31	117	387
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,159	21	32	291	387
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,155	21	32	253	391
Short-rotation woody crops	1,943	6	22	36	278
Sorghum for grain	1,279	24	28	77	243
All Vegetables harvested	536	17	30	293	398
Nursery stock	498	9	32	220	404

Other Congressional District Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	672
\$1,000 to \$2,499	407
\$2,500 to \$4,999	344
\$5,000 to \$9,999	231
\$10,000 to \$19,999	184
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31
\$25,000 to \$39,999	45
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5
\$500,000 or more	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) ³	44,013
Average per farm (\$) ³	19,978
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-15,572
Average per farm (\$)	-7,069

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	880
Other	1,109
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,556
Female	433
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
All operators ⁴ by race:	
White	2,948
Black or African American	60
American Indian or Alaska Native	21
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9
Asian	2
More than one race	20
All operators ⁴ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	99

(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 Value corrected January 2005.

⁴ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.