

STATISTICAL PROFILE OF TEXAS AGRICULTURE



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Texas **LEADS THE NATION** in cattle, cotton, sheep, goats, mohair production, hay production, the number of farms and ranches, and the value of farm real estate.

Texas has **248,810 FARMS AND RANCHES** covering 130.2 million acres, both **NO. 1** in the nation.

Rural lands total 144 million acres, **86%** of the state's total land area.

12% of Texas' population resides in **RURAL AREAS**.

1 OUT OF EVERY 7 working Texans (14%) is in an ag-related job.

98.5% of Texas farms and ranches are **FAMILY FARMS**, partnerships or family-held corporations.

The average age of all Texas farmers and ranchers is **60**.

The economic impact of the **TEXAS AGRICULTURE** industry totals more than **\$100 BILLION**.

Cash receipts totaled **\$22.7 BILLION** in 2012. **TOP 10 COMMODITIES** in terms of cash receipts: Cattle, cotton, milk, broilers, greenhouse & nursery, corn, grain sorghum, wheat, vegetables & melons, and eggs.

Agricultural **EXPORTS** to foreign countries totaled nearly **\$6.5 BILLION** in 2012. According to USDA-ERS, Texas ranks No. 6 overall behind California, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska in exports. Texas' national rank for exports of selected commodity groups:

Cotton and cottonseed: No. 1 at \$1.6 billion

Beef and Veal: No. 1 at \$855 million

Hides: No. 1 at \$431 million

Seeds: No. 2 at \$244 million

Other Products: No. 2 at \$1.5 billion

Rice: No. 4 at \$119 million

Tree Nuts: No. 4 at \$66 million

Chicken: No. 6 at \$323 million

Dairy: No. 6 at \$248 million

Wheat: No. 9 at \$286 million

Source: USDA-ERS, 2012



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