

TEXAS AGRICULTURE FACTS

- The economic impact of the Texas food and fiber sector totals about \$100 billion.
- Each U.S. farmer grows enough food and fiber for 155 people in the United States and abroad.
- 86% of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.
- 98.5% of Texas' agricultural operations are still run by individuals or families.
- Agriculture employs one out of every seven working Texans.
- Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 13% of the U.S. total. Texas also ranks first in the number of cattle operations and the value of all cattle and calves.
- Texas is the top producer of cotton, hay, sheep, goats, mohair and horses. Some of the state's top crops also vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, sorghum and rice.
- Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Some of Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat, cotton and cottonseed, feed grains and products, hides and skins, wheat and products, and feeds and fodder.
- The Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program has recognized more than 4,700 farms and ranches in 232 counties for being maintained in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more.

