



Nueces County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	549	-15
Land in farms (acres)	530,663	+12
Average size of farm (acres)	967	+31
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	139,951,000	-13
Government payments	5,403,000	-39
Farm-related income	9,024,000	+172
Total farm production expenses	128,049,000	+5
Net cash farm income	26,328,000	-48
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	254,919	+2
Government payments ^a	42,540	-15
Farm-related income ^a	48,517	+200
Total farm production expenses	233,241	+23
Net cash farm income	47,956	-39

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	96
Livestock, poultry, and products	4

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	383,446
Pastureland	110,652
Woodland	21,984
Other	14,581

Acres irrigated: 988

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	13
Intensive till	20
Cover crop	1

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	208	38
\$2,500 to \$4,999	81	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	48	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	69	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	19	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	4
\$100,000 or more	101	18

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	89	16
10 to 49 acres	211	38
50 to 179 acres	100	18
180 to 499 acres	36	7
500 to 999 acres	22	4
1,000+ acres	91	17

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	139,951	45	254	1,122	3,078
Crops	134,256	8	254	625	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	65,858	11	236	813	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	66,453	1	170	11	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	158	195	(D)	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	154	215	(D)	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	87	183	(D)	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	42	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	1,242	149	249	1,872	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	5,694	217	254	2,395	3,076
Poultry and eggs	64	127	244	1,536	3,027
Cattle and calves	2,954	226	254	1,969	3,047
Milk from cows	-	-	93	-	1,770
Hogs and pigs	172	21	222	785	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	247	(D)	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	58	191	253	1,791	2,907
Aquaculture	2,187	7	79	127	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	87	234	(D)	2,909

Producers ^d

1,011

Sex

Male	693
Female	318

Age

<35	42
35 – 64	550
65 and older	419

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	6
Asian	11
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	967
More than one race	27

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	244
With military service	98
New and beginning farmers	246

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **70**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **1**

Hire farm labor **25**

Are family farms **91**

Top Crops in Acres ^e

Sorghum for grain	106,233
Cotton, all	103,664
Corn for grain	57,870
Forage (hay/haylage), all	5,217
Wheat for grain, all	4,646

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	237
Cattle and calves	6,983
Goats	423
Hogs and pigs	331
Horses and ponies	432
Layers	1,200
Pullets	178
Sheep and lambs	82
Turkeys	385

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f 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.