



Sterling County Texas

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

| | 2022 | % change since 2017 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 70 | -8 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 650,960 | +11 |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 9,299 | +21 |
| Total | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 11,037,000 | +43 |
| Government payments | 1,075,000 | +552 |
| Farm-related income | 1,375,000 | -13 |
| Total farm production expenses | 14,705,000 | +91 |
| Net cash farm income | -1,218,000 | -170 |
| Per farm average | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 157,670 | +56 |
| Government payments ^a | 38,380 | +63 |
| Farm-related income ^a | 52,903 | -3 |
| Total farm production expenses | 210,067 | +107 |
| Net cash farm income | -17,395 | -176 |

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 2 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 98 |

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

| | |
|-------------|--------|
| Cropland | 15,761 |
| Pastureland | (D) |
| Woodland | (D) |
| Other | (D) |

Acres irrigated: 1,064

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|---|
| No till | 1 |
| Reduced till | 6 |
| Intensive till | 7 |
| Cover crop | 1 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^b |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 11 | 16 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 10 | 14 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 4 | 6 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 9 | 13 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 2 | 3 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 11 | 16 |
| \$100,000 or more | 23 | 33 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^b |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 13 | 19 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 7 | 10 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 4 | 6 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 4 | 6 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 5 | 7 |
| 1,000+ acres | 37 | 53 |

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 | 11,037 | 219 | 254 | 2,686 | 3,078 |
| Crops | 235 | 245 | 254 | 2,978 | 3,074 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | (D) | 170 | 236 | (D) | 2,917 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 267 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 170 | - | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | - | - | 195 | - | 2,831 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | - | - | 215 | - | 2,711 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | - | - | 183 | - | 2,660 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | - | - | 42 | - | 1,274 |
| Other crops and hay | (D) | 234 | 249 | (D) | 3,035 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 10,802 | 188 | 254 | 2,124 | 3,076 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | (D) | 244 | (D) | 3,027 |
| Cattle and calves | 9,196 | 172 | 254 | 1,317 | 3,047 |
| Milk from cows | (D) | 64 | 93 | (D) | 1,770 |
| Hogs and pigs | 1 | 143 | 222 | 1,776 | 2,814 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | 1,346 | 29 | 247 | 145 | 2,967 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | (D) | 158 | 253 | (D) | 2,907 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 79 | - | 1,190 |
| Other animals and animal products | (D) | (D) | 234 | (D) | 2,909 |

| Producers ^d | 122 | Percent of farms that: | Top Crops in Acres ^e |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|---|
| Sex | | Have internet access | Forage (hay/haylage), all 1,236 Wheat for grain, all (D) |
| Male | 81 | 86 | |
| Female | 41 | | |
| Age | | Farm organically | |
| <35 | 28 | - | |
| 35 – 64 | 49 | | |
| 65 and older | 45 | | |
| Race | | Sell directly to consumers | Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022) |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | - | 3 | Broilers and other meat-type chickens - |
| Asian | - | | Cattle and calves 11,451 |
| Black or African American | - | | Goats 2,549 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | - | | Hogs and pigs 6 |
| White | 122 | Hire farm labor | Horses and ponies 312 |
| More than one race | - | 31 | Layers (D) |
| Other characteristics | | Are family farms | Pullets - |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 3 | 94 | Sheep and lambs 7,364 |
| With military service | 5 | | Turkeys (D) |
| New and beginning farmers | 49 | | |

^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.