

Agriculture and Livestock

The crop production industry (NAICS 111) includes establishments that grow crops at farms, orchards, nurseries, and greenhouses for human or animal consumption. This category includes grains, oilseeds, fruits, vegetables, nuts, cotton, and hay.

Animal production (NAICS 112) usually occurs on ranches and feedlots. Activities include raising cattle for beef or dairy, poultry for meat or eggs, as well as raising pigs, sheep, goats, and aquaculture activities, typically for human consumption.



Texas Industry Totals (2012)

Number of Farms	248,000
Land in Farms	130 million acres
Employment	56,401
Value of Crop Production	\$7.3 billion
Value of Animal Production	\$18 billion
Value of Agricultural Production	\$25.3 billion

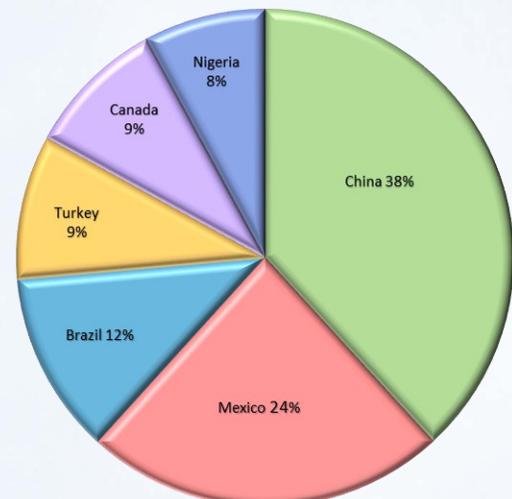
How Texas Ranks in the U.S.

Farm Acreage	No. 1
Value of Crop Production	No. 8
Value of Livestock Production	No. 1
Value of Agricultural Production	No. 3
Value of Agricultural Exports	No. 4

Texas Exports

- Texas agriculture and livestock exports in 2014 were valued at \$4.8 billion.
- In 2014, Agricultural Products were Texas' 13th largest export sector and Livestock was Texas' 28th largest.

Top Export Markets*



*Agricultural Products

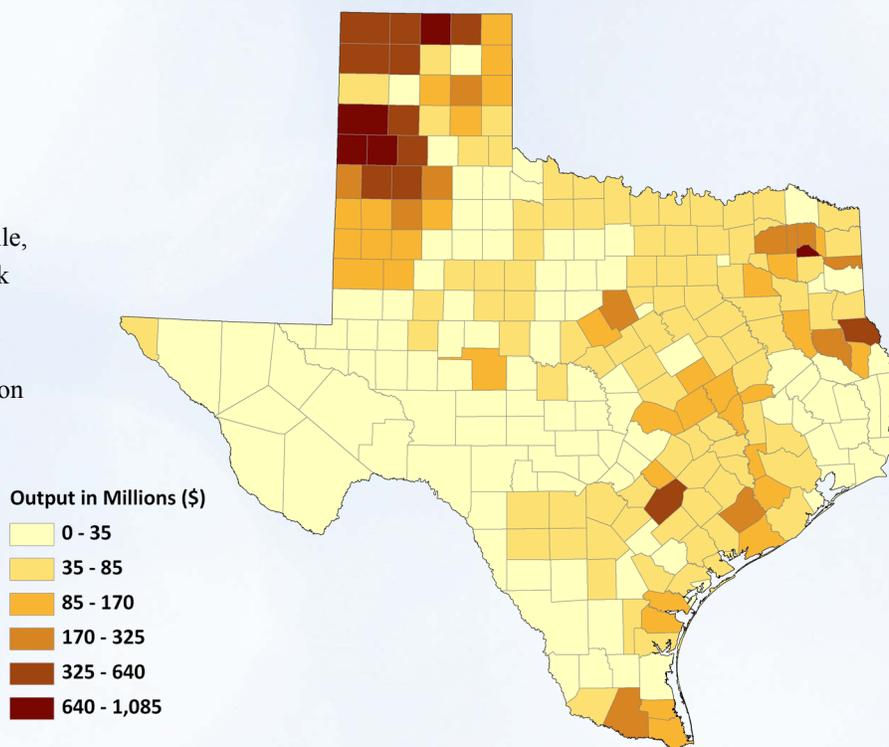
Sources: Texas Workforce Commission, WISERTrade, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Major Agriculture & Livestock Production in Texas (2012)

Product	Value of Production	Primary Location(s)	State Ranking
Cattle & Calves	\$13 billion	High Plains, North, Central	No. 1
Cotton	\$1.6 billion	High Plains, Gulf Coast, Rio Grande Valley	No. 1
Poultry & Eggs	\$2.6 billion	Northeast, East, Central	No. 6
Wheat	\$619 million	High Plains	No. 8
Milk & dairy products	\$1.7 billion	High Plains, Northeast, Central	No. 6
Sorghum	\$743.3 million	High Plains, Gulf Coast, Rio Grande Valley	No. 2

Regional Concentrations

The map at right identifies the Texas counties with the highest agricultural output per square mile, including both crop and livestock production. Crop and livestock activities take place across the state, but the highest concentration of production is located in the panhandle. Agricultural concentrations also exist in the Rio Grande Valley, the Gulf Coast, Central Texas, and East Texas.



Recent Industry Trends

- Texas leads the country in the production of cattle, cotton, sheep, and goats.
- Texas also leads the country in cotton, beef & veal, and hides & skins exports.
- Between 2009 and 2013, farmgate prices increased 54% for crops and 47% for livestock, according to the USDA. Rising global agricultural prices have boosted industry income and encouraged increased production across the State of Texas and elsewhere.