

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 (2010)

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| Farms (2007) | 247,500 |
| Employment | 44,609 |
| Average Annual Wage | \$30,780 |
| Net Value Added | \$8.1 billion |
| Value of Crop Production | \$8.2 billion |
| Value of Animal Production | \$11.6 billion |

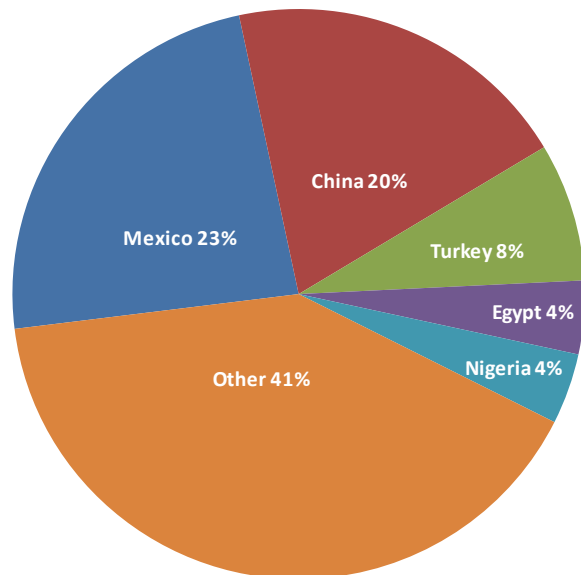
How Texas Ranks in the U.S. (2010)

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| Farm Acreage | No. 1 |
| Value of Crop Production | No. 6 |
| Value of Livestock Production | No. 1 |
| Value of Agricultural Production | No. 3 |
| Value of Agricultural Exports (2011) | No. 4 |

Texas Exports

- Texas agriculture and livestock exports in 2011 were valued at \$8.2 billion – up from \$5.9 billion in 2010.
- In 2011, agriculture and livestock was Texas' 9th largest export sector.

Top Export Markets

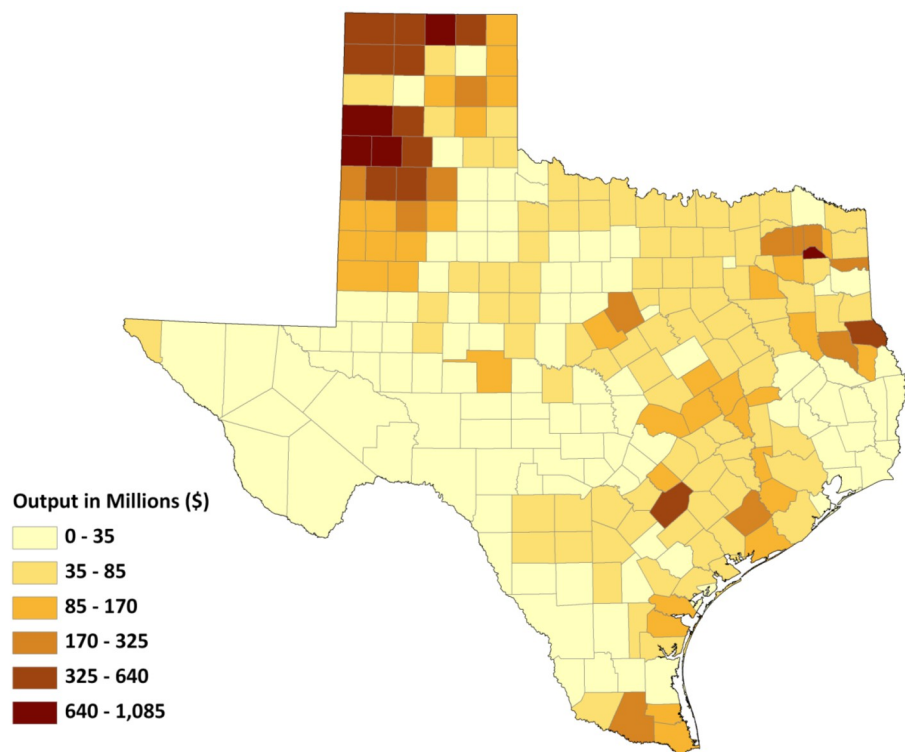


Major Agriculture & Livestock Production in Texas (2010)

| Product | Value of Production | Primary Location(s) | State Ranking |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|---------------|
| Cattle & Calves | \$7.6 billion | High Plains, North, Central | No. 1 |
| Cotton | \$3.1 billion | High Plains, Gulf Coast, Rio Grande Valley | No. 1 |
| Poultry & Eggs | \$2.2 billion | Northeast, East, Central | No. 6 |
| Wheat | \$644 million | High Plains | No. 7 |
| Milk & dairy products | \$1.5 billion | High Plains, Northeast, Central | No. 7 |
| Sorghum | \$516 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, hay, sheep, and goats.
- In 2010, Texas agricultural production rebounded 19.4% from the previous year's drought. Over the past decade, agricultural output has steadily increased, rising 60.4% since 2000.
- In 2011, farm gate prices increased 106% for crops and 79% for livestock since 2002, according to the USDA. Rising global agricultural prices have boosted industry income and encouraged increased production across the State of Texas and elsewhere.