

Ag Stats & Issues
 A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO TEXAS
FARM FACTS

COMMODITY	Latest Totals Texas Yields/Numbers	Cash Receipts	National Ranking in Production	Statewide Season for Planting	Statewide Season for Harvesting
ALL CATTLE & CALVES	14.0 mil. hd.	\$5.86 bil.	1	—	—
BROILERS	588 mil. hd.	\$893.3 mil.	6	—	—
*CITRUS (Grapefruit & Oranges)	7.6 mil. boxes	\$20.2 mil.	3	Perennial	Nov.-Feb.
CORN	205.7 mil. bu.	\$350.8 mil.	12	Feb.-May	June-Oct.
UPLAND COTTON	5 mil. bales	\$974.4 mil.	1	Mar.-June	July-Dec.
MILK PRODUCTION	5.3 bil. lbs.	\$680.6 mil.	10	—	—
GREENHOUSE & NURSERY	Not Available	\$1.3 bil.	—	—	—
HAY	13.9 mil. tons	\$404.6 mil.	1	Feb.-Mar.	Apr.-Oct.
HOGS	930,000 hd.	\$66.0 mil.	12	—	—
CABBAGE	2.8 mil. cwt.	\$45.1 mil.	3	By Region	—
OATS	7.0 mil. bu.	\$6.5 mil.	5	Aug.-Jan.	May-July
PEANUTS	868 mil. lbs.	\$158.0 mil.	2	Apr.-July	Aug.-Dec.
PECANS	40 mil. lbs.	\$37.3 mil.	2	Perennial	Oct.-Jan.
RICE	14.6 mil. cwt.	\$62.3 mil.	5	Mar.-May	July-Sept.
SHEEP & LAMBS	1.1 mil. hd.	\$44.6 mil.	1	—	—
SORGHUM GRAIN	72.8 mil. cwt.	\$299.2 mil.	2	Feb.-June	May-Dec.
TIMBER (Pine Saw Logs)	1.2 bil. cu. ft.	\$936.5 mil.	—	—	—
WATERMELONS	6.7 mil. cwt.	\$56.6 mil.	2	Year Round by Region & Crop	—
WINTER WHEAT	78.3 mil. bu.	\$216.7 mil.	4	Aug.-Dec.	May-July
WOOL & MOHAIR	7.4 mil. lbs.	\$6.8 mil.	1	—	—

LEADING STATES IN NUMBERS, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, EXPORTS, AND CASH RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS FOR ALL COMMODITIES
Billion Dollars

1California	26.1
2 TEXAS	12.7
3 Iowa	10.8
4Nebraska	9.6
5 Kansas	7.9

ALL HAY PRODUCTION
1,000 tons

1 TEXAS	13,850
2California	9,594
3 Missouri	7,840
4 Kansas	6,965
5Minnesota	6,610

VALUE OF FARM REAL ESTATE
Million Dollars

1 TEXAS	93.6
2California	85.9
3 Illinois	73.1
4 Iowa	64.7
5 Missouri	45.4

UPLAND COTTON PRODUCTION
Million Bales

1 TEXAS	5.0
2 Mississippi	2.0
3 Georgia	1.7
4 Arkansas	1.7
5 California	1.4

FARMS AND RANCHES
Number

1 TEXAS	229,000
2 Missouri	106,000
3 Iowa	90,000
4Kentucky	87,000
5Tennessee	87,000

FARM AND RANCH LAND
Million Acres

1 TEXAS	103.5
2 Montana	60.1
3 Kansas	47.2
4Nebraska	45.9
5 NM	44.7

VALUE OF ALL CATTLE AND CALVES
Billion Dollars

1 TEXAS	8.4
2 California	4.9
3Nebraska	4.5
4 Kansas	4.3
5Oklahoma	3.5

CATTLE ON FEED
Million Head

1 TEXAS	2.6
2 Kansas	2.2
3 Nebraska	2.1
4 Colorado	1.0
5 California	.49

ALL CATTLE AND CALVES
Million Head

1 TEXAS	14.0
2 Kansas	6.4
3 Nebraska	6.2
4 Oklahoma	5.4
5 California	5.3

VALUE OF ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS
Thousand Dollars

1California	85,320
2 TEXAS	82,950
3Wyoming	41,860
4S.Dakota	36,860
5Colorado	35,150

ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS
Thousand Head

1 TEXAS	1,050
2 California	790
3 Wyoming	460
4 S. Dakota	380
5 Colorado	370

Sources: 2000 Texas Agricultural Statistics, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Agricultural Outlook (Nov. 2001), Texas Forest Service.

Where does your food dollar go?

Do you know where your food dollar goes?

If you're a typical consumer, your first thought is the farmer. After all, food comes from the farm. The food price equation, however, is much more complex than that. Other factors play a much larger role.

Food costs keep increasing

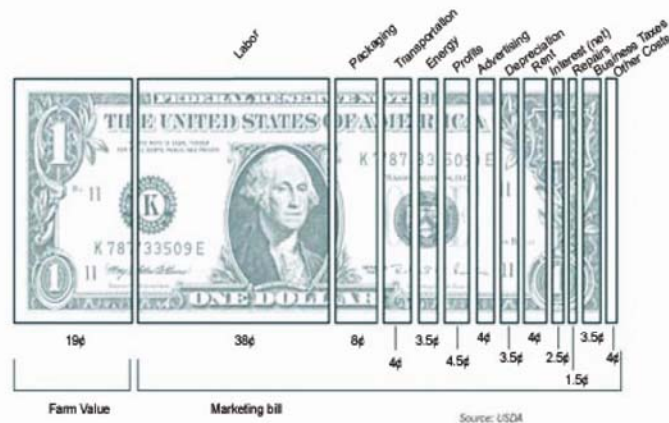
Total food expenditures for domestically grown and produced food were \$61 billion in 1999. Only 20 percent, or \$12.1 billion, represented the gross return to farmers. So where did the other \$48.9 billion, or 80 percent, go?

The farmers' share

Most people are surprised to learn that the farmer and rancher receives only a fraction of each dollar spent on food. For instance, the average wheat farmer earns about 3 cents on every \$3.50 box of Wheaties and a corn farmer earns about 5 cents on a loaf of bread.

Similarly, a corn farmer earns around 10 cents for a \$2 box of corn flakes and a little bit more for a pound of fresh corn.

And a cotton farmer? He receives only 41 cents for the cotton used to make a dress shirt!



Why do food costs rise?

If the farmer receives so little, why do food prices keep rising? One simple, but complex, word: MARKETING. From 1990 to 2000, consumer expenditures for domestically grown food rose \$211 billion. Nearly 92 percent of this increase resulted from higher MARKETING costs.

The cost of labor accounts for about half of all marketing costs. A wide variety of other costs—including packaging, transportation, energy, advertising, business taxes, net interest, depreciation and rent and repairs—comprise the balance of the marketing bill. Of course, it's not only food costs that rise because of marketing. It applies to everything.

Farm/Retail spread

You're not the only one complaining about the rising cost of food. The farmer does, too.

While food prices continue to climb, the percentage the farmer receives continues to drop. This farm-retail spread has increased every year for the past 30 years. For instance, in 1997, farm-to-retail spreads rose an average of 4.7 percent and farmers received 4.4 percent less for the food they produced. The farm value as a percentage of retail prices was slightly lower in 1997 than in 1996. Meanwhile, retail food prices rose 2.4 percent.

As food and fiber moves from the farm into the hands of American consumers, many jobs are created and everyone benefits. The farmer or rancher—the family that works the land—is the key to making it all work!








Facts about prices

Product	Retail	Farm	Percentage
corn flakes (18 oz)	\$2.14	9¢	4%
tomatoes (whole, can)	\$0.59	5¢	8%
bread (1 lb loaf)	\$0.88	4¢	5%
flour (5 lb bag)	\$1.45	27¢	19%
chicken (broiler/1 lb)	\$1.07	51¢	48%
apples (1 lb)	\$0.92	19¢	21%
potatoes (10 lbs)	\$3.80	66¢	17%
french fries (frozen/1 lb)	\$1.05	10¢	10%
potato chips (1 lb bag)	\$3.36	26¢	8%
oranges (CA 1 lb)	\$0.62	9¢	15%
beef (choice/1 lb)	\$3.06	\$1.49	49%
pork (1 lb)	\$2.58	79¢	4%

Source: USDA 1996-1997 price reportings

WHO'S WHO IN AGRICULTURE

Six agricultural policy makers Texans ought to know

<p>U. S. Secretary of Agriculture: Mike Johanns</p>	
<p>Chairman, U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee: Senator Tom Harkin, Iowa</p>	
<p>Chairman, U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee: Rep. Collin Peterson, Minnesota</p>	
<p>Texas Commissioner of Agriculture: Todd Staples</p>	
<p>Chairman, Texas Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Coastal Resources Senator Craig Estes, Wichita Falls</p>	
<p>Chairman, Texas House of Representatives Agriculture and Livestock Committee: Representative Sid Miller, Stephenville</p>	