

Economic Contribution of Agriculture to Matagorda County



Matagorda County produces a number of crops, with crop receipts (including crop insurance payments, but not including government payments) from production agriculture totaling \$212.5 million for 2018.¹ Matagorda County also has a large number of cattle, and livestock receipts totaled \$72.8 million for 2018. Hunting and other agriculture-related activities contributed an additional \$12.3 million. Total cash receipts from agricultural production and related activities totaled \$297.6 million. Table 1 includes a breakdown of cash receipts for leading Matagorda County agricultural commodities.

	<u>Matagorda County</u>			
	Ag Receipts	Output	Value Added	Employment
Cotton	\$86,980,200	\$131,861,700	\$64,158,200	970.2
Nursery	\$52,165,000	\$71,074,600	\$31,611,400	510.6
Grain Sorghum	\$24,030,800	\$35,735,500	\$9,183,200	229.0
Hay	\$18,000,000	\$27,536,800	\$12,086,200	418.8
Rice	\$11,875,700	\$17,660,000	\$4,538,200	113.2
Feed Corn	\$11,765,000	\$17,495,400	\$4,495,900	112.1
Soybeans	\$3,731,400	\$4,046,800	\$3,726,100	7.9
Pecans	\$2,750,000	\$4,442,000	\$2,277,200	33.7
Wheat	\$577,000	\$858,000	\$220,500	5.5
Sugar Cane	\$345,400	\$487,300	\$189,200	7.2
Vegetables	\$250,000	\$363,300	\$173,800	2.8
Sesame	\$45,100	\$48,900	\$45,100	0.1
Total Crops	\$212,515,700	\$311,610,300	\$132,704,900	2,411.2
Cow/Calf & Stockers	\$72,800,000	\$89,739,300	\$37,128,300	788.7
Hogs	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$15,100	0.1
Total Livestock	\$72,815,000	\$89,756,300	\$37,143,400	788.9
Hunting	\$3,500,000	\$3,807,100	\$3,659,300	26.8
Fishing	\$3,000,000	\$3,085,700	\$3,040,400	27.4
Recreation	\$3,000,000	\$4,237,600	\$3,461,500	66.4
Aquaculture	\$2,500,000	\$2,829,800	\$2,517,700	18.9
Horses	\$220,000	\$310,800	\$253,800	4.9
Timber	\$25,000	\$44,700	\$20,000	1.3
Other Ag Related	\$11,000	\$15,500	\$12,700	0.2
Total Ag Related	\$12,256,000	\$14,331,200	\$12,965,400	145.9
Total	\$297,586,700	\$415,697,800	\$182,813,700	3,346.0