

“TEXAS AGRICULTURE *Matters!*”

15 percent
of
the horses
in the
United
States
reside in
Texas.

Texas has more wildflowers than any other state in the nation. The bluebonnet is recognized as the state flower of Texas.

The Texas wine industry pours more than \$1.8 billion into the Texas economy each year and employs around 11,000 workers.

Texas agriculture has an annual economic impact of \$115 billion on the state's economy.

More than 150 Texas Christmas tree farms produce 200,000 trees annually on 2,500 acres and contribute \$12 million each year to the Texas economy.

Texas dairy farms produce enough milk to serve more than 42 million glasses of milk every day.

Sales of cattle and calves account for nearly 41 percent of all agricultural sales in Texas. Approximately 150,000 farms and ranches in Texas raise cattle. That's more than any other state in the nation.

The Texas state tree is the pecan tree. It can live for more than a thousand years and grow more than 100 feet tall.

Texas growers produce 1.3 billion pounds of rice each year. That's enough to provide 49 pounds of rice to every person in the Lone Star State.

Texas lands approximately 45 million pounds of wild-caught shrimp per year.

There are more head of livestock – horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats and poultry – than there are people in Texas.

The famous Ruby Red grapefruit became the official state fruit of Texas in 1993.

Texas has more women and minority farm operations than any other state in the nation.

Texas growers produce enough onions each year to make nearly 14 billion onion rings. That's two for every person on earth.

TDA's Metrology Lab is under contract with the Texas Lottery Commission to perform calibrations on lottery balls used by the Texas Lottery. Laboratory personnel performed calibrations on more than 3,200 lottery balls in 2014.

Texas is the national leader in cotton production, producing enough bales of cotton to create around 1.25 billion pairs of jeans per year.

The world's first rodeo was held in Pecos, Texas, on July 4, 1883.

Texas is home to approximately 3.8 million whitetail deer – that's more than any other state.



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