

Hispanic Producers

Acreage up 15% since 2017; sold \$33 billion in agricultural products in 2022



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In 2022, the United States had 112,379 producers who identified as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, accounting for 3% of the country's 3.4 million producers. Almost two-thirds of Hispanic producers were in Texas, California, New Mexico, and Florida. They were younger and more likely to have recently started farming than U.S. producers overall. They may be of any race but were largely white. Hispanic-operated farms accounted for 6% of U.S. agriculture sales and 4% of U.S. farmland.

112,379
producers



37 million
acres



\$33 billion
agriculture sales



Number and Location

In 2022, the ag census counted 112,379 Hispanic producers, a decrease of 0.1% from the last time the ag census was collected. The 83,505 farms with one or more Hispanic producers responsible for making decisions regarding the farm's operation declined 3% between 2017 and 2022. Hispanic producers operated 37 million acres, an increase of 15% from the previous census.

Texas had more Hispanic producers than any other state; Hispanic producers accounted for 10% of the state's total producers. They made up a larger share of total producers in New Mexico, where 31% of all producers identified as Hispanic. In California, 12% of all producers identified as Hispanic.

	2017	2022	% change
Owned			
Farms	80,529	78,379	-2.7
Acres	21,344,157	23,740,804	11.2
Rented			
Farms	19,271	17,867	-7.3
Acres	10,735,753	13,125,459	22.3
Total Acres	32,079,910	36,866,263	14.9

Number of Producers and Farms, Hispanic and All U.S.

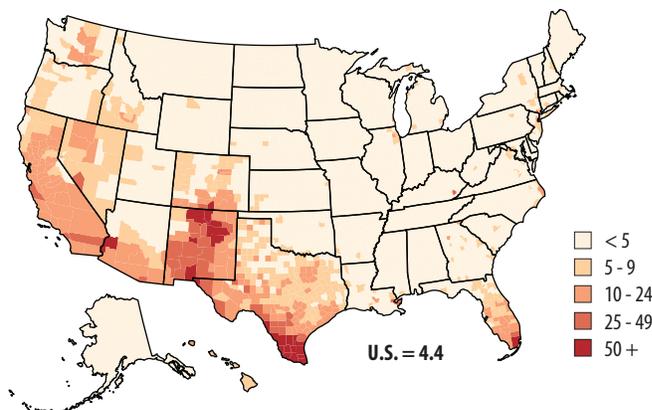
	2017	2022	% change
Producers			
Hispanic	112,451	112,379	-0.1
All U.S.	3,399,834	3,374,044	-0.8
Farms			
Hispanic-operated	86,278	83,505	-3.2
All U.S.	2,042,220	1,900,487	-6.9

10 The percent of Texas producers who were Hispanic.

Top States Hispanic Producers, 2022

Texas	39,907
California	14,791
New Mexico	11,468
Florida	7,770
Colorado	3,637
Washington	2,768
Oklahoma	2,555
Oregon	2,284
Arizona	1,431
Missouri	1,360
Idaho	1,341
Kansas	1,302

Hispanic-operated Farms as Percent of Total Farms, by County, 2022



In six Texas counties, 80% or more of farms were Hispanic-operated: Starr (97%), Zapata (94%), Brooks (89%), Hidalgo (81%), Webb (81%), and Duval (80%).

SNAPSHOT Hispanic Producers, 2022

Number = 112,379*

	Hispanic (percent)	All U.S.
Sex		
Male	64	64
Female	36	36
Age		
<35	11	9
35 - 64	61	53
65+	28	38
Years farming		
10 or less	40	30
11 or more	60	70
Lived on their farm	63	70
Worked off farm		
No days	30	38
1 to 199 days	29	22
200+ days	41	40
Primary occupation		
Farming	42	42
Other	58	58
With military service	9	9
Race		
American Ind/Alaska Native	2.7	1.7
Asian	0.8	0.7
Black/African American	0.9	1.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl	0.6	0.1
White	92.6	95.4
More than one race	2.4	0.9
Average age (years)	54.9	58.1

*Data collected for up to four producers per farm.

About the Census

The Census of Agriculture, conducted once every five years, is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Results from the 2022 ag census as well as previous censuses are available online at national, state, and county levels.

See the searchable database Quick Stats, downloadable PDF reports, maps, and a variety of topic-specific products.

www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus

Producer Characteristics

Hispanic producers were younger on average than U.S. producers overall (54.9 years compared with 58.1 for all U.S. producers), and more likely to be a beginning farmer (40% of Hispanic producers had farmed 10 years or fewer, compared with 30% of all producers). Fewer Hispanic producers (63%) lived on their farm or ranch than U.S. producers overall (70%).

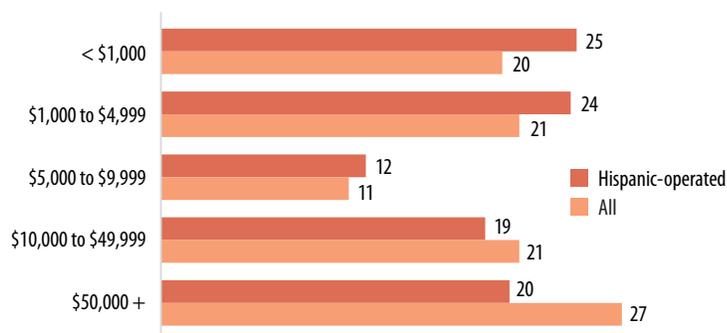
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The percent of Hispanic producers who were beginning farmers.

Farm Characteristics

Hispanic-operated farms sold \$33 billion in agricultural products in 2022, with 59% (\$20 billion) in crop sales and 41% (\$13 billion) in sales of livestock and livestock products. These farms accounted for 6% of total U.S. agriculture sales. They received \$349 million in government payments in 2022.

Hispanic-operated and U.S. Farms by Economic Class, 2022 (percent)
(sales and government payments combined)



Forty-nine percent of Hispanic-operated farms had sales and government payments of less than \$5,000; 20% had sales and government payments of \$50,000 or more, compared with 27% of all farms.

Farms and Land

Hispanic-operated farms accounted for 37 million acres of farmland, 4% of the U.S. total. The majority (58%) of these farms were less than 50 acres in size. The average size of Hispanic-operated farms was 441 acres.

Farm Size in Acres	Hispanic-operated	All U.S.
	(percent of total)	
1 to 9	23	12
10 to 49	35	30
50 to 179	21	28
180 to 499	10	15
500 +	10	15

Seventy-eight percent of Hispanic-operated farms were operated by farmers who own all the land they operate, 15% by farmers who were part owners (own some land and rent some land), and 6% by farmers who rent all land operated.

Farm Specialization^a

Twenty-two percent of Hispanic-operated farms specialized in specialty crop farming, compared to 10% for all U.S. farms. Seventeen percent of all U.S. farms specialized in oilseed and grain farming, compared to 4% for Hispanic-operated farms.

	% of farms
Oilseeds and grains	4
Specialty crops	22
vegetables and melons	3
fruits, tree nuts, berries	14
greenhouse, nursey, floriculture	5
Other crops	16
Cattle and dairy	34
Poultry and eggs	5
Sheep and goats	7
Other animals	10

^aRefers to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). More than half of a farm's sales come from the commodity.

11,820

The number of Hispanic-operated farms that specialized in fruit, tree nut, and berry production.

76 The percent of Hispanic-operated farms with internet access.