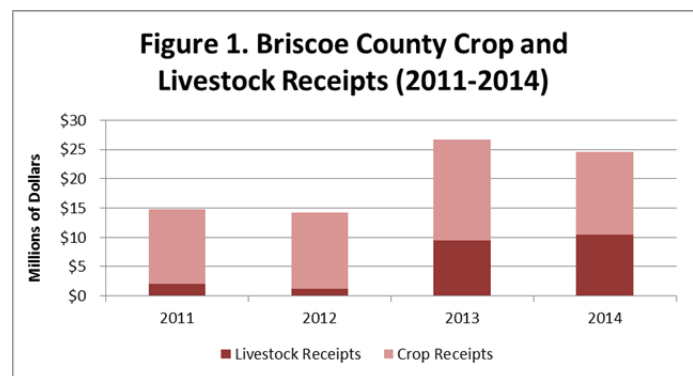


AT A GLANCE

- *Briscoe County's agricultural value exceeded \$24.6 million in 2014 (Figure 1).*
- *The 284 agricultural-related employees account for 74.2% of all private-sector employment (Table 2).*
- *Briscoe County from 2011-2014 averaged \$20.1 million in total agricultural receipts generating county and statewide impacts of \$27.2 million and \$39.4 million, respectively (Table 1).*
- *This analysis does not include the impact of agriculturally related public sector employees or the 282 farm and ranch operators.*

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Most of Briscoe County's 900-square-mile land area is used for agricultural purposes with 384,645 acres in permanent pasture and another 139,594 acres in cropland. The droughts of 2011 and 2012 adversely affected both crop and livestock production in the county (Figure 1). Increases in commodity prices, as well as, the return of more normal rainfall patterns in 2013 and 2014 resulted in agricultural sales increasing more than \$10 million annually compared to 2011 and 2012.



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Crop production is an important part of the local economy, generating an average \$14.3 million annually in the 2011-2014 time period (Table 1). Cotton is the primary crop in Briscoe County, generating average annual receipts of \$8.7 million annually. Sorghum and wheat are other important crops with average annual sales of \$1.8 million and \$1.5 million annually, respectively. The county also produces hay and ranked 13th among Texas counties in peanut production in 2012.

Table 1. Average Annual Agricultural Cash Receipts, Briscoe County, 2011-2014.

	Value (\$1,000,000)	State Rank	County Economic Impact* (\$1,000,000)	State Economic Impact* (\$1,000,000)
Crops:				
Corn	\$0.2	112	\$0.3	\$0.4
Wheat	\$1.5	77	\$2.0	\$3.4
Cotton	\$8.7	62	\$11.4	\$15.8
Sorghum	\$1.8	74	\$2.5	\$4.2
Ensilage	\$0.9	29	\$1.2	\$1.7
Hay	\$0.5	182	\$0.7	\$1.0
Other Crops	\$0.7	155	\$0.8	\$1.3
Total Crop Receipts	\$14.3	139	\$18.9	\$27.8
Livestock and Livestock Products:				
Fed Beef - Value Added	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0
Cow-calf and Stockers	\$5.8	196	\$8.3	\$11.5
Hogs	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0
Dairy	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0
Other	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0
Total L & LP	\$5.8	214	\$8.3	\$11.5
Other Ag-Related	\$0.1	242	\$0.1	\$0.1
Total Agricultural Receipts**	\$20.1	213	\$27.2	\$39.4

*Does not include impacts of forward-linkages through the processing sectors.

** Rounding of numbers may affect totals and prevent some commodities with low receipts from appearing in the table.

Livestock production contributes \$5.8 million in sales annually. Cow-calf and stocker operations contribute almost all of those receipts. The county has limited goats, hogs, horses and hunting.



Of course, the direct value of agricultural production is not the only benefit to the local economy. Many production expenses are paid to local suppliers. Farmers and ranchers also spend part of their wages and profits in the county - eating at local restaurants and buying groceries, clothing, etc. In turn, the employees of these businesses purchase supplies and spend wages at local businesses.

As money circulates through the economy, it multiplies the original \$20.1 million in cash receipts from farm and ranch production to a total county-level economic output contribution of \$27.2 million. A good deal of the money that is spent outside Briscoe County is still spent in Texas, so the farm-level production leads to a larger state-level output of \$39.4 million.

	Number of Employees	Annual Payroll \$1,000,000
Private Sector	67	\$2.30
Farm and Ranch	217	\$1.14
Total	284	\$3.44

Agribusinesses take many forms including: manufacturing, retail trade and food service, wholesale trade, agricultural services and transportation. A total of 67 people were employed in Briscoe County agribusinesses during 2013 with an associated payroll of \$2.3 million, according to the 2013 Texas County

*Employment estimates do not include ag-related public sector/government employees

Business Patterns publication. In addition, 217 people were either employed full- or part-time on local

farms and ranches, earning \$1.1 million annually (2012 Census of Agriculture). It should be noted that the impact of agriculture on the Briscoe County economy is underestimated, since the economic contributions of public sector employees working in agriculture and the 282 farm and ranch operators are not considered in this analysis.



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