

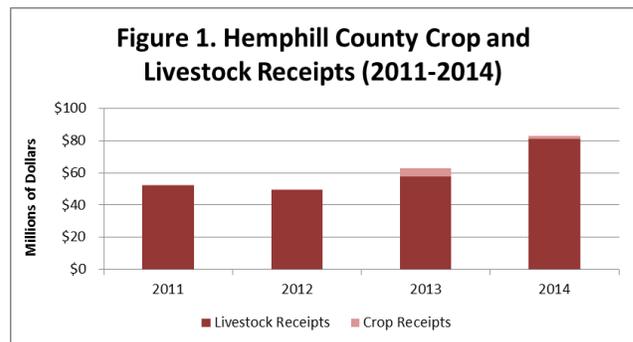
AT A GLANCE

- *Hemphill County's agricultural value exceeded \$82.8 million in 2014 (Figure 1).*
- *Hemphill County ranks 18th in fed-cattle sales and 100th in cow-calf and stocker sales among all Texas counties (Table 1).*
- *Hemphill County from 2011-2014 averaged in total agricultural receipts \$63.5 million generating county- and state-level impacts of \$92.6 million and \$126.1 million, respectively (Table 1).*
- *The 600 agricultural-related employees in Hemphill County accounted for an estimated payroll of \$13.1 million in 2013 (Table 2).*
- *This analysis does not include the economic contributions of public sector employees working in agriculture and the 232 farm and ranch operators in the county.*

## The Impact of Agribusiness HEMPHILL COUNTY 2015

Hemphill County's 906-square-mile land area consists of 535,944 acres of permanent pasture and another 39,835 acres in cropland. Since 2007, the county experienced significant conversions of cropland to pasture and rangeland.

Crop production generated an average of \$2 million annually in the 2011-2014 time period (Table 1). Wheat and ensilage production dominate with annual cash receipts of \$800,000 each.



Receipts from hay averaged \$200,000.

Livestock production is an important part of the local economy, contributing \$60.1 million in value-added sales annually in the 2011-2014 time period (Table 1). Fed beef is a significant component of livestock production in the county providing value-added sales of \$41.7 million annually. Hemphill County ranked 18th in fed beef production among the 254 Texas counties. Cow-calf and stocker operations also contributed to the economy, adding \$18.4 million in value-added production. The

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

	Value (\$1,000,000)	State Rank	County Economic Impact* (\$1,000,000)	State Economic Impact* (\$1,000,000)
<b>Crops:</b>				
Corn	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0
Wheat	\$0.8	95	\$1.2	\$1.8
Cotton	\$0.0		\$0.1	\$0.1
Sorghum	\$0.0		\$0.1	\$0.1
Ensilage	\$0.8	32	\$1.1	\$1.5
Hay	\$0.2	210	\$0.3	\$0.4
Other Crops	\$0.0		\$0.1	\$0.1
<b>Total Crop Receipts</b>	<b>\$2.0</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>\$2.8</b>	<b>\$4.0</b>
<b>Livestock and Livestock Products:</b>				
Fed Beef - Value Added	\$41.7	18	\$62.1	\$82.7
Cow-calf and Stockers	\$18.4	100	\$27.3	\$36.4
Hogs	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.1
Dairy	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0
Other	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0
<b>Total L &amp; LP</b>	<b>\$60.1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>\$89.5</b>	<b>\$119.2</b>
<b>Other Ag-Related</b>	<b>\$1.4</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>\$0.3</b>	<b>\$2.8</b>
<b>Total Agricultural Receipts**</b>	<b>\$63.5</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>\$92.6</b>	<b>\$126.1</b>

\*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.

dramatic rise in beef prices increased livestock receipts \$23 million between 2103 and 2014 (Figure 1).

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. Money is multiplied as it circulates through the economy.



The original \$63.5 million in cash receipts from farm and ranch production leads to a total county-level economic output of \$92.6 million. Some money does leave the region as people and businesses purchase goods and services outside the county and state.

	<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Annual Payroll \$1,000,000</b>
<b>Private Sector</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>\$10.80</b>
<b>Farm and Ranch</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>\$2.30</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>\$13.10</b>

However, a good deal of the money that is spent outside Hemphill County is still spent in Texas, so the farm-level production leads to a larger state-level output of \$126.1 million.

Agribusinesses take many forms including: manufacturing, retail trade and food service, wholesale trade, agricultural services and transportation. A total of 359 people were employed in Hemphill County

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

agribusinesses during 2013, with an associated payroll of \$10.8 million, according to the 2013 Texas County Business Patterns publication (Table 2). In addition, 241 people were either employed full- or part-time on local farms, ranches and confined livestock operations, earning \$2.3 million annually. It should be noted that the impact of agriculture on the Hemphill County economy is underestimated, since the economic contributions of public sector employees working in agriculture and the 232 farm and ranch operators are not considered in this analysis.



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