

AT A GLANCE

- *Lipscomb County's agricultural value exceeded \$41.4 million in 2014 (Figure 1).*
- *The 784 agricultural-related employees account for 75.7% of all private-sector employment (Table 2).*
- *Lipscomb County ranks 14th in ensilage, 30th in corn and 11th in hog production among all Texas counties (Table 1).*
- *Lipscomb County from 2011-2014 averaged in total agricultural receipts \$50.3 million, generating county- and state-level impacts of \$67.5 million and \$103.5 million, respectively (Table 1).*
- *This analysis does not include the impact agriculturally related public sector employees or the 277 farm and ranch operators.*

The Impact of Agribusiness LIPSCOMB COUNTY 2015

Lipscomb County's 932-square-mile land area consists of 472,927 acres of pasture and another 118,399 acres in cropland. Crop production is an important part of the local economy, generating an average of \$29.3 million annually in the 2011-2014 time period (Table 1). Cropland is comprised of

of irrigated (23,341 acres) and dryland production (95,058 acres) with average annual cash receipts of corn, ensilage, hay, and wheat at \$11 million, \$6.4 million, \$5.4 million and \$5.1 million, respectively.

Overall, Lipscomb County ranks 14th in ensilage production, 30th in corn and 40th in wheat among the 254 Texas counties.

Livestock production is a significant part of the local economy, contributing \$20.5 million in value-added sales annually. The cow-calf and stocker segments are the primary components of livestock production in the county, providing sales of \$16.9 million annually in the 2011-2014

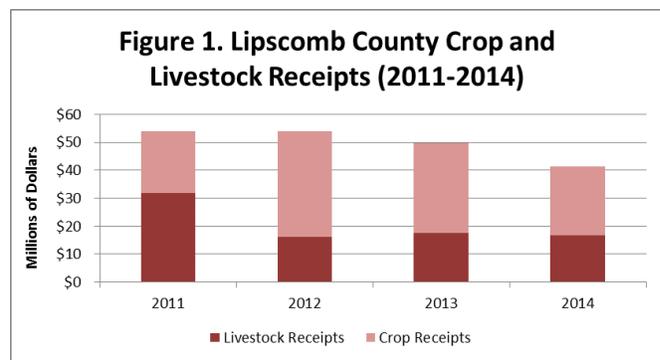


Table 1. Average Annual Agricultural Cash Receipts, Lipscomb County, 2011-2014.

	Value (\$1,000,000)	State Rank	County Economic Impact* (\$1,000,000)	State Economic Impact* (\$1,000,000)
Crops:				
Corn	\$11.0	30	\$15.4	\$25.4
Wheat	\$5.1	40	\$7.2	\$11.9
Cotton	\$0.1	147	\$0.2	\$0.3
Sorghum	\$1.0	84	\$1.4	\$2.3
Ensilage	\$6.4	14	\$9.0	\$12.0
Hay	\$5.4	72	\$7.6	\$10.1
Other Crops	\$0.2	180	\$0.3	\$0.5
Total Crop Receipts	\$29.3	86	\$41.2	\$62.3
Livestock and Livestock Products:				
Fed Beef - Value Added	\$1.5	56	\$1.9	\$3.1
Cow-calf and Stockers	\$16.9	111	\$21.3	\$33.6
Hogs	\$0.5	11	\$0.5	\$0.7
Dairy	\$1.6	45	\$2.0	\$2.9
Other	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0
Total L & LP	\$20.5	124	\$25.7	\$40.2
Other Ag-Related	\$0.5	206	\$0.6	\$1.0
Total Agricultural Receipts**	\$50.3	130	\$67.5	\$103.5

*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.

time period (Table 1). Other important livestock components include the dairy, fed beef, and swine industries, adding \$1.6 million, \$1.5 million and \$500,000, respectively, in cash receipts.

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 \$50.3 million in cash receipts from farm and ranch production leads

	Number of Employees	Annual Payroll \$1,000,000
Private Sector	539	\$19.80
Farm and Ranch	245	\$5.15
Total	784	\$24.95

to a total county-level economic output contribution of \$67.5 million. Some money does leave the region as people and businesses purchase goods and services outside the county or state. However, a good deal of the money that is spent outside Lipscomb County is still spent in Texas, so the farm-level production leads to a larger state-level output of \$103.5 million (Table 1).

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

Agribusinesses take many forms including: manufacturing, retail trade and food service, wholesale trade, agricultural services and transportation. A total of 539 people were employed in Lipscomb County agribusinesses during 2013 with an associated payroll of \$19.8 million, according to the 2013 Texas County Business Patterns publication (Table 2). In addition, 245 people were either employed full- or part-time on local farms, ranches and confined livestock operations, earning \$5.2 million annually. It should be noted that the impact of agriculture on the Lipscomb County economy is underestimated, since the economic contributions of public sector employees working in agriculture and the 277 farm and ranch operators are not considered in this analysis.



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