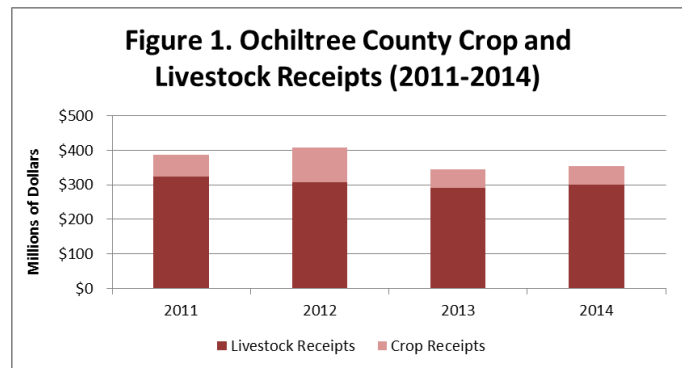


AT A GLANCE

- *Ochiltree County's agricultural value exceeded \$354.6 million in 2014 (Figure 1).*
- *The 1,387 agricultural-related employees account for 31.9% of all private-sector employment (Table 2).*
- *Ochiltree County ranks 1st in wheat and hog sales, and 10th in fed-cattle sales among Texas counties (Table 1).*
- *Ochiltree County ranks 9th among counties in Texas with total agricultural receipts from 2011-2014 averaging \$373 million generating county- and state-level impacts of \$511.1 million and \$657.1 million, respectively (Table 1).*
- *This analysis does not include the impact of agriculturally related public sector employees or the 348 farm and ranch operators.*

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Most of the Ochiltree County's 918-square-mile land area is used for agricultural purposes with 240,059 acres in permanent pasture and another 304,564 acres in cropland. Approximately 48,000 irrigated acres provide flexibility with respect to the type of crops that can be grown in the county. However, the traditional crops of corn, wheat, cotton and sorghum dominate with average annual sales of \$22.9 million, \$20.6 million, \$8.5 million and \$7.6 million, respectively.



Overall, Ochiltree County ranks 1st in wheat production, 18th in corn, 21st in ensilage and 31st in sorghum among Texas counties. Ochiltree ranks 9th among the 254 counties in total agricultural receipts (Table 1).

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

	Value (\$1,000,000)	State Rank	County Economic Impact* (\$1,000,000)	State Economic Impact* (\$1,000,000)
Crops:				
Corn	\$22.9	18	\$35.2	\$52.9
Wheat	\$20.6	1	\$31.5	\$47.5
Cotton	\$8.5	65	\$13.3	\$15.4
Sorghum	\$7.6	31	\$11.6	\$17.4
Ensilage	\$2.4	21	\$3.5	\$4.5
Hay	\$3.1	103	\$4.5	\$5.8
Other Crops	\$2.3	117	\$3.3	\$4.3
Total Crop Receipts	\$67.3	43	\$103.0	\$147.9
Livestock and Livestock Products:				
Fed Beef - Value Added	\$114.1	10	\$178.2	\$226.3
Cow-calf and Stockers	\$12.8	138	\$20.1	\$25.5
Hogs	\$177.2	1	\$209.6	\$254.5
Dairy	\$1.4	47	\$0.0	\$2.6
Other	\$0.0		\$0.0	\$0.0
Total L & LP	\$305.5	5	\$408.0	\$509.0
Other Ag-Related	\$0.1	233	\$0.2	\$0.2
Total Agricultural Receipts**	\$373.0	9	\$511.1	\$657.1

*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.

primary component of livestock production in the county with sales of \$177.2 million. The county also ranked 10th in fed-beef production, with feedlot operations providing value-added sales of \$114.1 million annually in the 2011-2014 time period (Table 1). Cow-calf and stocker operations also contributed significantly to the economy, adding \$12.8 million in value-added production.



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 \$373 million in cash receipts from farm and ranch production leads to a total county-level economic output contribution of \$511.1 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

Table 2. Ochiltree County Ag-Related Employment		
	Number of Employees	Annual Payroll \$1,000,000
Private Sector	631	\$14.90
Farm and Ranch	756	\$17.06
Total	1,387	\$31.96

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

that is spent outside Ochiltree County is still spent in Texas, so the farm-level production leads to a larger state-level output of \$657.1 million.

Agribusinesses take many forms including: manufacturing, retail trade and food service, wholesale trade, agricultural services and transportation. A total of 631 people were employed in Ochiltree County agribusinesses during 2013, with an associated payroll of \$14.9 million, according to the 2013 Texas County Business Patterns publication (Table 2). In addition, 756 people were either employed full- or part-time on local farms, ranches and confined livestock operations, earning \$17.1 million annually. It should be noted that the impact of agriculture on the Ochiltree County economy is underestimated, since the economic contributions of public sector employees working in agriculture and the 348 farm and ranch operators are not considered in this analysis.



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