



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**COMMISSIONER SID MILLER**



# Texas Agriculture Stats

---

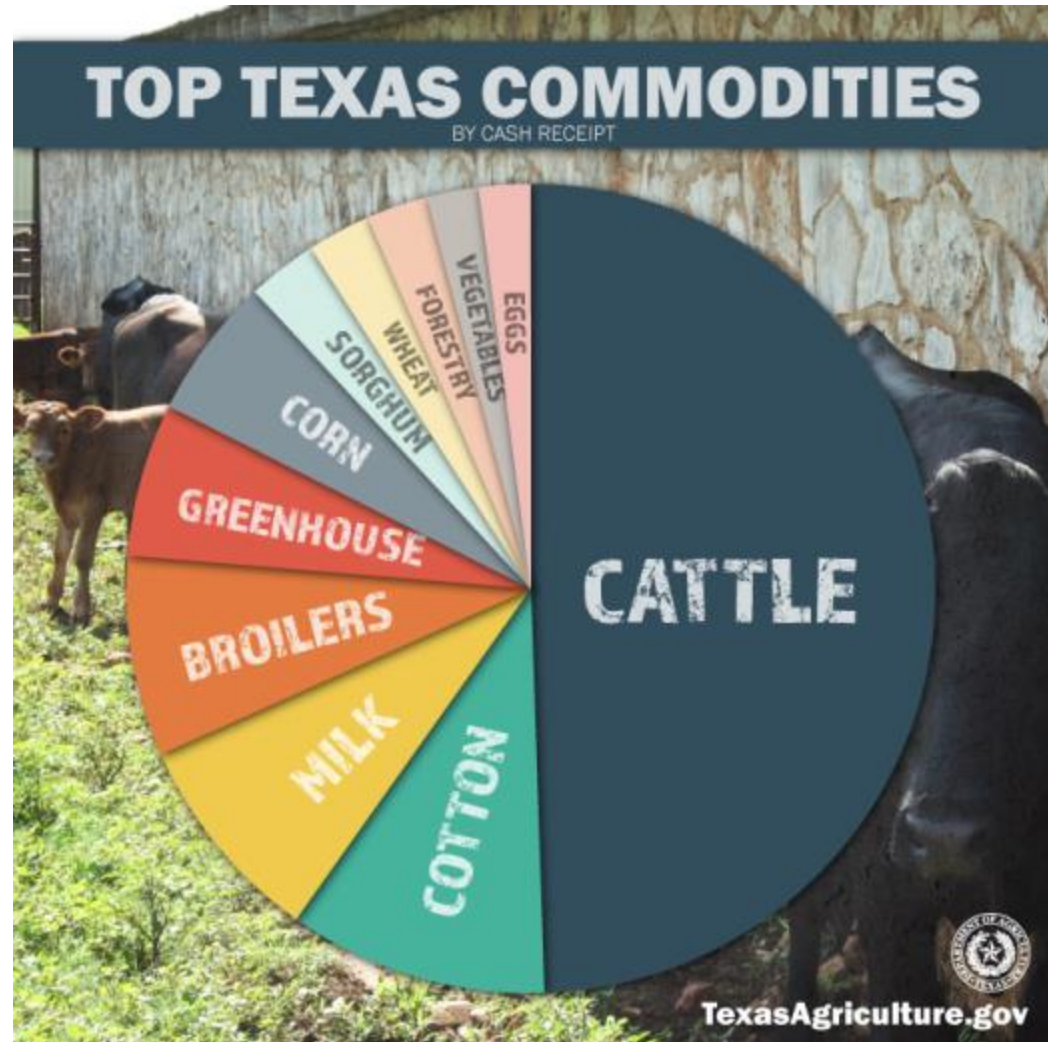
- Texas leads the nation in cattle, cotton, hay, sheep, goats and mohair production
- 1 of every 7 working Texans (14%) is in an agriculture-related job.
- The economic impact of the food and fiber sector totals more than \$145 billion or 9.1% of Texas' GDP
- Texas ranks # 4 overall in value of agricultural exports and has been ranked the #1 exporter for 17 years.
- 11% of Texas' population resides in rural areas



# Texas Top Commodities

- Cattle, \$8.8 billion
- Cotton, \$3.1 billion
- Broilers, \$2.2 billion
- Milk, \$2.2 billion
- Corn, \$1 billion
- Sorghum, \$319 million
- Wheat, \$198 million
- Eggs, \$392 million

**Total Commodities (2017): \$22.7 billion**





# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

---

*Agriculture and Consumer Protection*

*Food and Nutrition*

*Trade & Business Development*



## Trade & Business Development

---

### Office of Rural Affairs

- Texas Community Development Block Grant Program
- State Office of Rural Health (SORH)
- Field Representatives

### Marketing & International Trade

- GO TEXAN
- Specialty Crops
- Export Programs

### Grants

- Agricultural Production
- Health & Nutrition
- Rural Health
- Economic Development



# TxCDBG

## Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG)

Objective is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- to moderate-income.

### Eligible Applicants:

- Non-entitlement cities (generally pop. <50,000)
- Non-entitlement counties (pop. < 200,000)

### Must meet HUD National Objective:

- Benefit low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons
- Elimination of slum and blight conditions
- Urgent need



The **Community Development (CD) Fund** is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program.

- Competitive process in each of the 24 state planning regions
- Application period is every 2 years
- Use of Funds: Water/wastewater infrastructure; street and drainage improvements; housing activities
- Max Award: \$275,000 - \$800,000 (varies by region)

## Polk County

CD Award: \$275,000

### New facility opened for seniors

Today, 16 February 2018 09:40



The new senior center, located at 607 E. Abbey was open for business on Tuesday. Area senior citizens can enjoy home-cooked meals, activity, and socializing. (Chris Edwards | Enterprise)

"The new Senior Citizen Center in Polk County became a reality thanks to the TxCDBG Program. The facility will serve not only as a source of nutritious meals for our seniors, but most importantly as a resource for seniors to interact, volunteer and receive information regarding issues facing our elderly population."

– Sydney Murphy, County Judge



# TxCDBG

The **Texas Capital Fund** supports rural business development and the retention and expansion of permanent jobs.

- Quarterly application period (February, May, August & November)
- Encourages new business development and expansion
- Use of Funds: Public/private infrastructure, real estate development
- Awards from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000
  - Based on number of jobs created/retained
  - Public infrastructure – grant funds
  - Private Infrastructure/Real Estate – 20yr, 0% interest loan



### **City of Ennis**

TCF Award: \$750,000

Total Project Investment: \$7.6M

Jobs created: 43 new jobs

Use of Funds: Water, sewer, and street-  
infrastructure improvements





# TxCDBG

**Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Program** provides grant funds to foster and stimulate economic development by assisted in the elimination of deteriorated conditions in rural downtown areas.

- Annual application
- Use of Funds: Public infrastructure located within community's downtown district with emphasis on ADA accessibility & pedestrian walkway improvements
- Awards from \$50,000 to \$250,000



## **City of San Augustine**

Main Street Award: \$150,000

Total Project Investment: \$200,000

Use of Funds: Sidewalk replacement, drainage improvements, street lighting, and ADA accessibility



The **Fire, Ambulance, and Service Truck (FAST) Fund** provides funds for eligible vehicles and equipment to provide emergency response and special services to LMI rural communities.

- Annual application
- Eligible applicants: Non-entitlement cities and counties
  - Eligible applicants apply on behalf of service providers (emergency service districts, volunteer fire departments, fire departments and 3rd party EMS providers)
- Max Award - \$500,000



# State Office of Rural Health

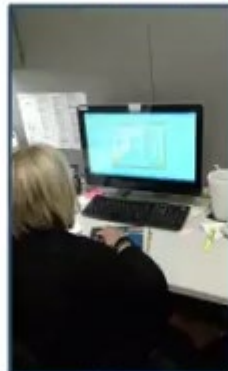
The **State Office of Rural Health (SORH)** is dedicated to serving the health needs of rural Texas. SORH works with local health care providers, county leaders and state partners to support access to quality health care for rural Texans.

- Rural Communities Healthcare Investment Program (RCHIP)
- Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)
- Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (FLEX)

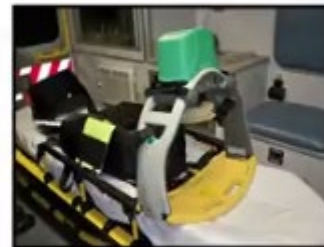
## 2016-2017 SHIP PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS



17-013 Comanche County



17-014 Coryell County Memorial



17-015 Clay County Memorial



# Marketing & International Trade

- **Marketing – Texas Products Domestically & Abroad**

- Texas Wine
- Texas Gulf Shrimp
- Specialty Crops

- **International Trade**

- Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA)
- Livestock Export Pens
- Foreign Agricultural Services (FAS)

- **GO TEXAN**

- State Fair of Texas – GO TEXAN Pavilion
- McLane Global
- Local, national and international recognition and promotion

*Uncork New  
Possibilities*



**The Power of**



**GO TEXAN.®**



# Grants: Agriculture & Economic Development Finance Programs

## Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA)

- **Agricultural Loan Guarantee Program**
  - \$250,000 or 90% of the loan amount, whichever is less
  - \$500,000 or 80% of the loan amount, whichever is less
- **Young Farmer Grant**
  - Matching grant with a maximum award of \$20,000
- **Interest Rate Reduction/Young Farmer Interest Rate Reduction**
  - Eligible loans - \$500,00 or less

## State Trade Export Program (STEP)

- Stipend to support export-related activities
- State-sponsored (domestic & international) trade missions

## Capital for Texas (C4T)

- Partnership with Texas CDFIs to provide access to capital to rural, women and minority-owned small businesses

**Larry McManus**

Senior Director for Rural Economic Development

512.463.7577

[Larry.McManus@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:Larry.McManus@TexasAgriculture.gov)



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**COMMISSIONER SID MILLER**