

Farm & Ranch Survey



State law requires agricultural productivity values to be calculated based on the county's typical lease arrangement. Answers to the typical lease rates and landowner expenses below will aid in the determination of this value. The information reported in this survey is an important resource used by the Titus County Appraisal District to develop agricultural productivity values each year.

Please review the survey questions. Your answers should reflect your personal experience or knowledge in a **typical** cash lease for **land used** for **agricultural** purposes.

Please return the completed survey to Titus Cad P O Box 528, Mount Pleasant TX 75456; email to Shirley.dickerson@titus-cad.org or fax to 903 572-5147. If you have any questions, please call (903)572-7939.

Pasture or Lease Maintenance Costs

Typical fencing cost: \$_____ per linear foot \$_____ per mile
Fence post typically _____ wood _____ steel
Barbed wire _____ 3 strands _____ 4 strands _____ wire mesh
Who typically pays for cost for fence construction? _____ tenant _____ landowner
Typical life expectancy of perimeter fences _____ years
What is a typical ranch size in acres _____
What is a typical pasture size in acres _____
Will an adjacent landowner share in the cost of fencing? _____ yes _____ no
If so how many sides _____

Typical brush/weed control cost \$_____ per acre.
Brush/weed control cost is paid by: _____ Landowner or Lessee (circle one)

Typical Management cost \$_____ per acre
These cost include record keeping, property insurance, advertising, etc

Typical Water cost \$_____ per acre and is an average of _____ acres
This should include cost to construct a pond or pool and maintenance

Are there any other expenses that are considered in the lease and if so, please explain:

Pasture Leases

Improved pasture \$_____ per acre

Land where weed/brush control is practiced as well as areas where fertilizer and/or supplements to the soil is added to enhance the productivity of the land is normally _____ acres per animal unit. Hay meadows typically receive _____ lbs of balanced fertilizer per acre.

Native pasture \$_____ per acre

Native pasture is land that is used in its natural condition. Includes land where little or no weed/brush control is practiced and little or no fertilizer and/or supplements are added to the soil _____ acres per animal unit.

What is the typical lease arrangement for pastureland in this county?
_____ cash per acre _____ per animal unit _____ other

Hunting Leases

Hunting rights to the land belong to: landowner or lessee (circle one)

Annual lease rate is \$_____ per: acre or gun (circle one)

Lease rate on Irrigated Cropland_____ Dry Cropland_____ Improved Pastureland_____

Lease rate on Native Pastureland_____

Are expenses of hunting leases normally paid by the _____landowner _____ lessee

Lease expenses for landowner may include management cost, liability insurance, etc.

_____management cost per acre _____ liability insurance cost per acre

_____ Other expenses per acre please list_____

Cropland Leases

What is the typical type of lease for Cropland?

Irrigated Cropland _____Cash lease rate per acre _____Share Lease

Dry Cropland _____Cash lease rate per acre _____Share Lease

What is the typical per acre gross lease rate for the following types of land?

Irrigated Cropland _____Cash lease per acre

Dry Cropland _____Cash lease per acre

What is the typical source of water for irrigated cropland?

Surface_____ Ground Water_____ Not applicable_____

Is it typical for irrigated cropland to be fenced in this county?

Yes_____ No_____ Not applicable_____

Is it typical for dry cropland to be fenced in this county?

Yes_____ No_____ Not applicable_____

What is the typical planting patterns for this county 1, 2, 3, or 4 times a year?

Wheat_____ Corn_____ Oats_____

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINIMUM OPERATIONS

Please complete the number of acres necessary and number of animals or animal units for minimum operations of the following type:

Cattle Stocker Operation _____ Animals per acre _____

Baby Calf/Goat/Sheep Operation _____ Animal per acre _____

Horse Breeding Operation _____ Animal per acre _____

Hay Production _____ Number of tons _____

Horticulture/Viticulture/floriculture _____ Number of trees per acre _____

Forestry Operation_____

Person completing questionnaire: _____ Phone # _____

Date_____

Title:_____

Owner, Operator, advisory board member