Internet Resources

Agricultural Economics Resources

Master Marketer Program:  http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu/
Advanced risk management and marketing techniques.

Extension Agricultural Economics:  http://agecoext.tamu.edu/
Market outlook, production budgets and policy analysis.

The Agricultural & Food Policy Center:  http://www.afpc.tamu.edu/
Provides economic analysis of the impacts on agricultural policy alternatives.

Web based resources page providing cotton price, harvest, variety selection and production calculators.

Financial And Risk Management Assistance Program:  http://farmassistance.tamu.edu/
Provides individuals with a statistically-based strategic financial analysis. The data garnered from these analyses provide insight on the agricultural industry and enables research help to industry groups, policymakers and individuals identify trends and gauge impacts at the industry-level.

Planning the Return to the Family Farm/Ranch:  http://rttf.tamu.edu/
Addresses an array of issues facing many producers in the transition or transfer of an agricultural operation.

Marketing

Quotes
INO.com  www.ino.com/
AgWeb.com  www.agweb.com/
barchart  www.barchart.com/
FutureSource.com  http://beta.futuresource.quote.com/home.action
Exchanges

- **Chicago Board of Trade** (CBOT; parent company of the MidAm Exchange)
- **Chicago Board Options Exchange** (CBOE; parent company of the CBOE Futures Exchange)
- **Chicago Climate Exchange** (CCX; parent company of the Chicago Climate Futures Exchange and the European Climate Exchange)
- **Chicago Mercantile Exchange** (CME)
- **ICE** (Intercontinental Exchange; formerly the New York Board of Trade; incorporating the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange, the New York Cotton Exchange, and the New York Futures Exchange)

Basis

Texas AgriLife Extension Crop Basis Data

http://agecoext.tamu.edu/programs/marketing/master-marketer/basis-website.html

Beefbasis.com

http://beefbasis.com/

***State Wide Agricultural Research & Extension Sites***

**Texas AgriLife Extension Bookstore:**

http://agrilifebookstore.org/

For lists of publications available from Texas AgriLife Extension. Many of these publications are downloadable at no cost, while others are only available in printed form at a nominal cost. Includes documents in Spanish.

**Texas AgriLife Research:**

http://agresearch.tamu.edu/

The research arm of the land-grant system in agriculture that is committed to serving the people of Texas and the world through vital, basic, and applied research in the areas of agriculture, life sciences, and natural resources.

**Texas AgriLife Extension:**

http://texasextension.tamu.edu/

The outreach arm of the land-grant system in agriculture dedicated to improving the lives of people, business, and communities across Texas and beyond through high-quality, relevant education.

**AgNews – News and Public Affairs:**

http://agnews.tamu.edu/

News releases, media resources and other information from the Texas A&M Agriculture program.
Regional Agricultural Research & Extension Sites

AgriLife Research & Extension Centers:

Vernon  http://vernon.tamu.edu/
Information on rangeland ecology, grazing, beef production, and crop & livestock management.

San Angelo  http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/
Research and information on sheep, goats, wildlife, and rangeland ecology as well as cotton, wheat, sorghum, sesame, sunflowers and forage production.

Lubbock  http://lubbock.tamu.edu/
Southern rolling plains crop information for cotton, corn, sorghum, wheat, small grains and forage production.

Fort Stockton  http://ftstockton.tamu.edu/
Far west Texas agriculture information on irrigation and Water Management, Entomology, Range Management, Animal Science, and Agricultural Economics.

Amarillo  http://amarillo.tamu.edu/
Serving the Texas High Plains through environmental systems management, including air and water quality, food, feed and fiber production, animal nutrition and health, and natural resource conservation.

Stephenville  http://stephenville.tamu.edu/
While agricultural production and marketing remain a major contributor to this region’s economy, recreational use of range lands and the industrial development along the Interstate 35 Corridor is making a significant contribution to economic stability and growth.

Rangeland and Natural Resource Information

Texas Natural Resources:  http://texnat.tamu.edu/
Database for those interested in natural resource management of Texas rangelands. Includes information and publications on wildlife and range management.

Brush Busters:  http://texnat.tamu.edu/BrushBusters/index.htm
An AgriLife system program to expedite the adoption of tactical brush management systems technology. Information on control of mesquite, prickly pear, and cedar.
Society for Range Management:  http://www.rangelands.org/srm.shtml
A professional partnership in the scientific study, protection and management of all rangeland resources.

Toxic Plant Database:  http://essmextension.tamu.edu/plants/toxics/
Reviews identification, symptoms, and management strategies for plants toxic to livestock in Texas. Includes full color pictures and searchable text including a symptomology search.

Newsletters: http://texnat.tamu.edu/newsletters/index.htm
Provides current information on range and wildlife management.

Agronomy/Horticulture Resources

Department of Soil & Crop Science:  http://soil-testing.tamu.edu/
General soil and crop information from Texas A&M's department of Crop & Soil Sciences. Under “Websites” browse procedures to obtain soil, water, and forage testing.

Plant Pathology:  http://plantclinic.tamu.edu/
The AgriLife Extension plant pathology unit is primarily responsible for outreach, off-campus educational programs concerning the nature, cause, and management of plant disease on the wide range of economic plants important to the people of Texas.

Aggie Horticulture:  http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/
Many AgriLife Extension and other publications for home and garden, programs in integrated pest management (IPM) and the popular PLANT Answers forum where you can submit your questions.

Precision Agriculture:  http://precisionagriculture.tamu.edu/
Set of tools designed to help manage variability in production conditions and outcomes. Publications on economics, fertility, irrigation, disease, insect management, weed management, cropping systems and crop rotation.

Regional and National Commodity Groups

Crop Resources

National Cotton Council: www.cotton.org/
Rolling Plains Cotton Growers: www.rpcotton.org/
National Grain Sorghum Producers: www.sorghumgrowers.com/
Texas Pecan Growers Association: www.tpga.org/
National Association of Wheat Growers: www.wheatworld.org/
National Corn Growers Association: www.ncga.com/
Cotton Incorporated: www.cottoninc.com/
Livestock Resources

National Cattleman's Beef Association: www.beef.org/
Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association: www.texascattleraisers.org/
Texas Cattle Feeder's Association: www.tcfa.org/
Texas Beef Council: www.txbeef.org/
American Sheep Industry Association: www.sheepusa.org/
Texas Sheep & Goat Raiser’s Association: www.tsgra.com/
American Boer Goat Association: http://www.abga.org/

Livestock Related Resources

AgriLife Extension Animal Science: http://animalscience.tamu.edu/extensionprograms/index.htm
AgriLife Research Animal Science: http://animalscience.tamu.edu/researchprograms/index.htm

Expertise in food and meat science, and in the production of beef cattle, horses, sheep, goats, dairy cattle and swine.

Meat Science: http://meat.tamu.edu/
Conducts programs in teaching, research and extension that deal with the animal, food and nutrition sciences related to meat and meat products.

Entomology Resources

Texas Integrated Pest Management Program: http://ipm.tamu.edu/
A one-stop guide to IPM information from Texas A&M University and its many departments, units and agencies.
Texas A&M Department of Entomology: http://entowww.tamu.edu/
Links to research, extension and youth education.
Center for Integrated Pest Management: http://cipm.ncsu.edu/
Information from and about the National Science Foundation sponsored by Industry/University Cooperative Research Center of North Carolina State University.

Irrigation and Water Management Resources

Texas Water Resources Institute: http://twri.tamu.edu/
Research and projects designed to address alternative water sources, irrigation efficiency, water conservation, water quality and watershed management.
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/
Provides information on water conservation, water laws and rights as well as water management.
Texas Water Development Board:  http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/home/index.asp
State agency charged with statewide water planning and administration of low-cost financial programs for the planning, design and construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

Livestock Industry Links

U.S. Premium Beef:  http://www.uspremiumbeef.com/
Producer-owned marketing cooperative open to participation by producers from every segment of the U.S. beef industry.

Cattle Fax:  http://www.cattlefax.com/
Provides statistics, market and economic analysis for the cattle and beef cattle industry. Includes cattle market prices, forecasts and analysis, futures market quotes and beef & meat prices and analysis.

Livestock Marketing Information Center:  http://www.lmic.info/
Provides economic analysis and projections about issues and conditions concerning the livestock industry.

Government & Other Resources

USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service  www.ams.usda.gov/
  Æ Commodity Areas
  Æ Market News and Transportation Data Link
U.S. House Committee on Agriculture  http://agriculture.house.gov/
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture  http://ag.senate.gov/site/
Farm Service Agency  www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/default.asp
Risk Management Agency  http://www.rma.usda.gov/
Natural Resource Conservation Service  http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/
Agriculture Law.com  www.agriculturelaw.com/
American Farm Bureau  http://www.fb.org/
Texas Farm Bureau  http://www.txfb.org/
International Textile Center  http://www.depts.ttu.edu/itc/
Weather Information

National Weather Service
www.nws.noaa.gov/

Weekly Weather & Crop

The Weather Channel
www.weather.com

Agricultural Weather Information Service (AWIS) Inc.
www.awis.com

Intellicast
www.intellicast.com

National Drought Monitor
www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html