



# Agriculture is a Key Economic Sector for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Future Interstate

## I-27 Advisory Committee



The Ports-to-Plains Corridor was designated as a future interstate in Texas and New Mexico in the federal Fiscal Year 2022 omnibus appropriations bill. Interstate 27 (I-27) is part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and exists between Lubbock and Amarillo. It is assumed the Corridor will be designated I-27 as it extends south from San Angelo and north from Amarillo. Route numbering is ultimately the responsibility of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the United States Department of Transportation. The **963-mile corridor spans 26 Texas counties** and includes portions of I-20, I-27, I-35, US 83, US 87, US 277, US 287, SH 158, and SH 349.

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor supports the largest agricultural production in the country.

**The interstate upgrade is essential to increase access to markets for agricultural product.** The production and export of quality agricultural products generates billions of dollars and relies directly on highway networks for transport of products to national and global markets through Texas seaports and border crossings.



**50% OF U.S. COTTON IS GROWN IN THE PORTS-TO-PLAINS CORRIDOR.<sup>3</sup>**



### Annual Agricultural Production Supported by the Ports-to-Plains Corridor<sup>2</sup>

#### CATTLE



**\$12.3B**  
a year

#### COTTON



**\$2.6B**  
a year

#### MILK PRODUCTS



**\$2.1B**  
a year



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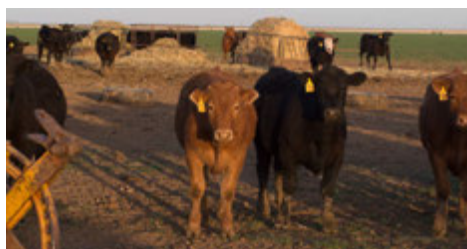


**\$3.33B**

which is

**98.7%**

of all Texas production



### Ports-to-Plains Corridor Production in 2021<sup>3</sup>

#### HOGS



**\$192M**

which is

**96.3%**

of all Texas production

#### PEANUTS



**\$155M**

which is

**95.2%**

of all Texas production

#### MILK

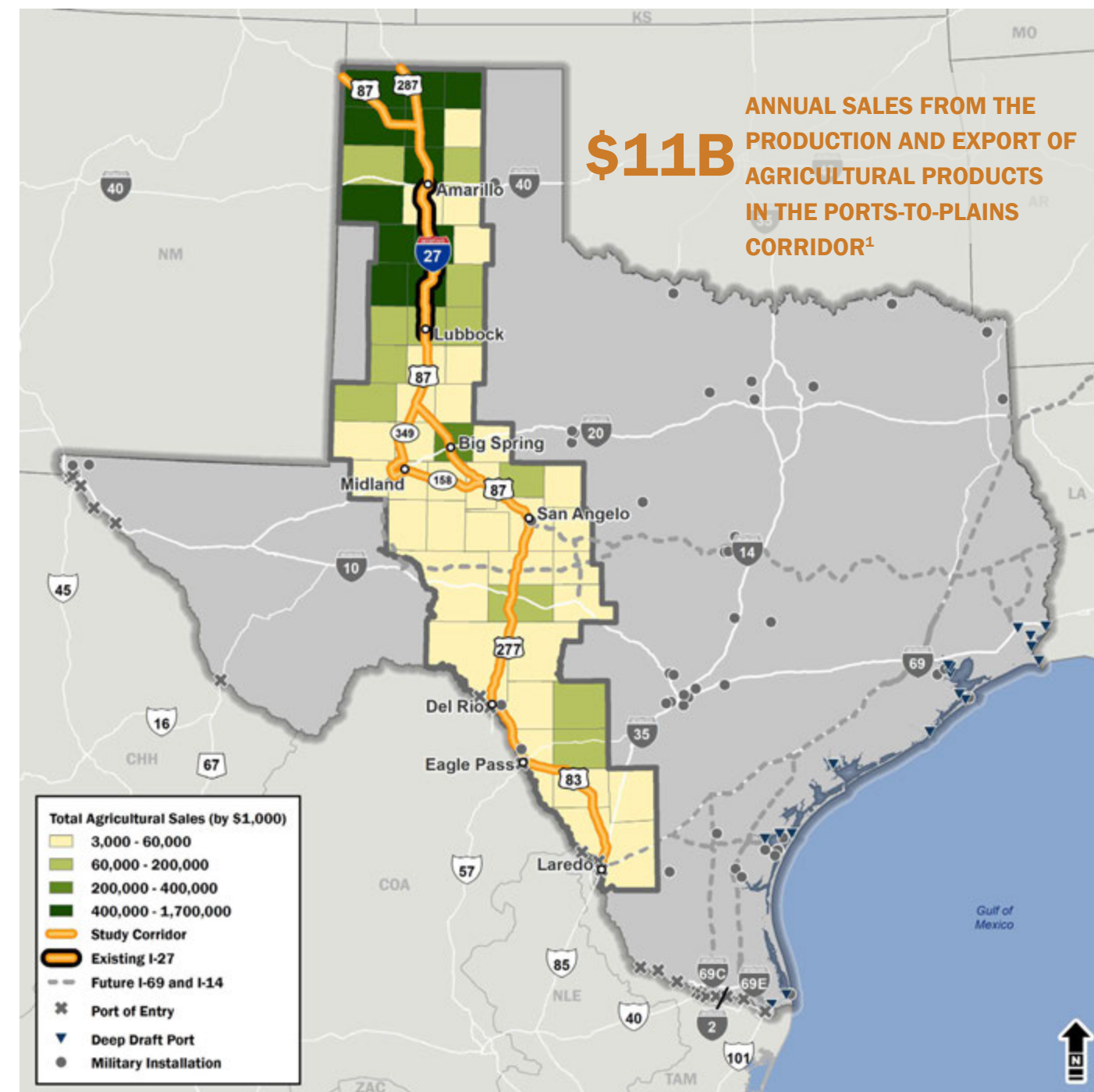


**\$1.60B**

which is

**76.0%**

of all Texas production



<sup>1</sup>United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Census of Agriculture, 2017

<sup>2</sup>Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Agriculture Statistics, Top 10 Commodities, 2017

<sup>3</sup>Justin Benavidez, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service; data source attribution: Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Increment Report, United States Dept. of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service Global Agriculture Trade System, and United States Dept. of Agriculture Economic Research Service Cash Receipts by Commodity.



# Future U.S. Interstate Highway and International Connections

