

Agricultural Law Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on agricultural law in Texas. Agriculture is the “science or art of cultivating soil, harvesting crops, and raising livestock.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11th ed.*) Agricultural law is the broad term for laws governing the practice of agribusiness, farming, and ranching. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Related guides: Foreclosure, Neighbor Law

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Agriculture Code

- Ch. 2 State Agricultural Policy
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.2.htm>
- Ch. 104 Acreage Contracts and Quantity Contracts
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.104.htm>
- Ch. 128 Agricultural Chemical and Seed Liens
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.128.htm>
- Ch. 144 Marks and Brands
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.144.htm>
- Ch. 251 Effect of Nuisance Actions and Governmental Requirements on Certain Agricultural Operations
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/AG/htm/AG.251.htm>

Texas Property Code

- Ch. 70, Subchapter E. Agricultural Liens
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.70.htm#E>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Real Estate Forms Manual REF KFT 1326 .T4

- Vol. 2, Ch. 25 Leases
 - §25.7 General Considerations for Hunting, Agricultural, and Grazing Leases
 - Form 25-8 Agricultural Lease
 - Form 25-9 Grazing Lease

Texas Forms: Pleading and Practice REF KFT 1730 .A65 T482

- Vol. 1, Ch. 20 Agriculture
 - I. Agricultural Liens
 - II. Miscellaneous Actions

Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730 .T4

- Vol. 18, Ch. 280 Adjoining Landowners
 - §280.04(1) Creation, Maintenance, or Removal of Fences
 - §280.04(2) Removal of Fences
 - §280.13(2)(b)(ii) Application of Statute or Ordinance to Agricultural Operations
- Vol. 18, Ch. 282 Landlord and Tenant
 - §282.42(3)(a), §282.42(3)(b) Agricultural Liens
- Vol 19A, Ch. 300 Operator’s Liability
 - § 300.02(4) Owners of Animals
- Vol. 19A, Ch. 310 Premises Liability
 - § 310.03(4)(c) Age of Children as Factor
 - § 310.04(3) Recreational Licenses

Texas Practice Series REF KFT 1280 .T4

- Vol. 7, Criminal Forms & Trial Matters
 - Ch. 34 Agricultural Code
- Vol. 15, Texas Foreclosure
 - Ch. 16 Property Exemption §16.18 Livestock and Pets
- Vol. 21, Property Taxes
 - Ch. 8 Exemptions §208 Farm Products; §209 Implements of Husbandry
 - Ch. 14 Agricultural Land

Texas Transaction Guide REF KFT 1268 .K45

- Vol. 13, §63.24 Agricultural Liens
- Vol. 21, Ch. 89 Farms and Ranches

West's Texas Forms REF KFT 1268 .W47

- Vol. 1A Ch. 33 Bankruptcy Proceedings
 - §33:11 Reorganization bankruptcy proceedings under Chapters 12 and 13
 - §33:51 Chapter 12 individual or joint debtor family farmer – Official Form 9G
 - §33:52 Chapter 12 corporation or partnership family farmer – Official Form 9H
- Vol. 8 Ch. 12 Bylaw Provisions
 - §12.25 Form – Bylaw governing shareholders in agricultural supply cooperative
 - §12.26 Form – Bylaw establishing patronage rights of agricultural supply cooperative shareholders
- Vol. 15 Ch. 17 Real Property Management
 - §17.02 Introduction to Real Property Management – Agricultural Property Management
 - §17.10 Form – Farm Management Service Agreement
 - §17.11 Form – Application to Rent or Operate Farm

Texas Small-Firm Practice Tools REF REF 1277.5 .S6T4

- §5:66 Agricultural Products or Crops
- Form 5:30 Lease – Agricultural

Texas Business Litigation REF KFT 1410 .T49

- 3-1:1.3b Chapter 12 Bankruptcy (Farmers and Fishermen)

Owning our Piece of Texas: Key Laws Texas Landowners Need to Know REF KFT 1310 L37

CLE Materials

Agriculture Law Course KFT 1439 S7A5

- 2022 Ch. 4 Taxes and the Farm and Ranch: What to Expect in 2022 and Beyond
- 2022 Ch. 7 Livestock Dealer Statutory Trust
- 2021 Ch. 17 Solar Lease Negotiations from the Landowner's Perspective

Online Resources

Marks & Brands (Tarrant County Clerk)

<https://www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/en/county-clerk/real-estate-records/marks---brands.html>

National Agricultural Library (U.S. Department of Agriculture)

<https://www.nal.usda.gov/programs/aglaw>

Texas Agricultural Law Blog

<https://agrillife.org/texasaglaw/home/>

Texas Department of Agriculture

<https://texasagriculture.gov/>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)