

# SMALL ACREAGE RESOURCES & PROGRAMS



Small Acreage, Big Opportunity  
Program



Urban Biologists &  
Wildscapes Program



Urban Conservationists &  
Financial Assistance Programs



Farmer Starter Program



Hill Country Chapter: Land  
Management Assistance Program &  
Hays County Chapter: Habitat  
Enhancing Land Management  
Program



Celebrate Urban Birds - Mini-  
Grant Program



TEXAS TECH  
UNIVERSITY.

Small Farming Certificate  
Program



Backyard Habitat Certification  
Program



Native Landscapes  
Certification Program



# Smaller Acreage Landowners in the Texas Hill Country

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One Texas  
Landscape

# Overview

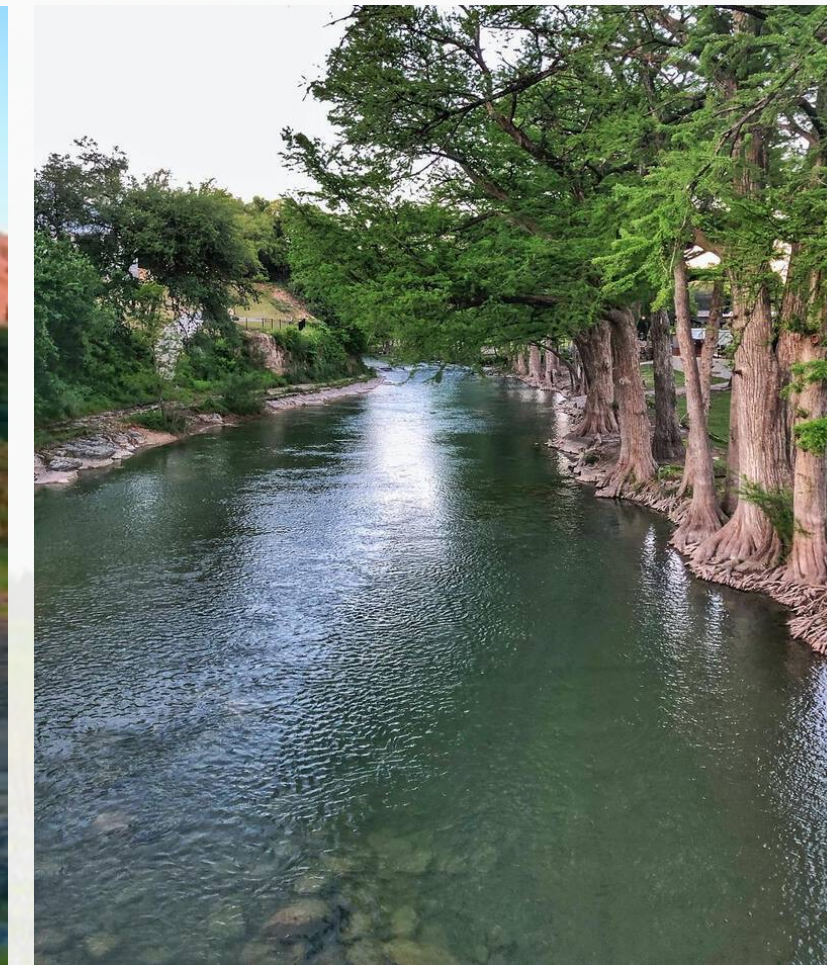
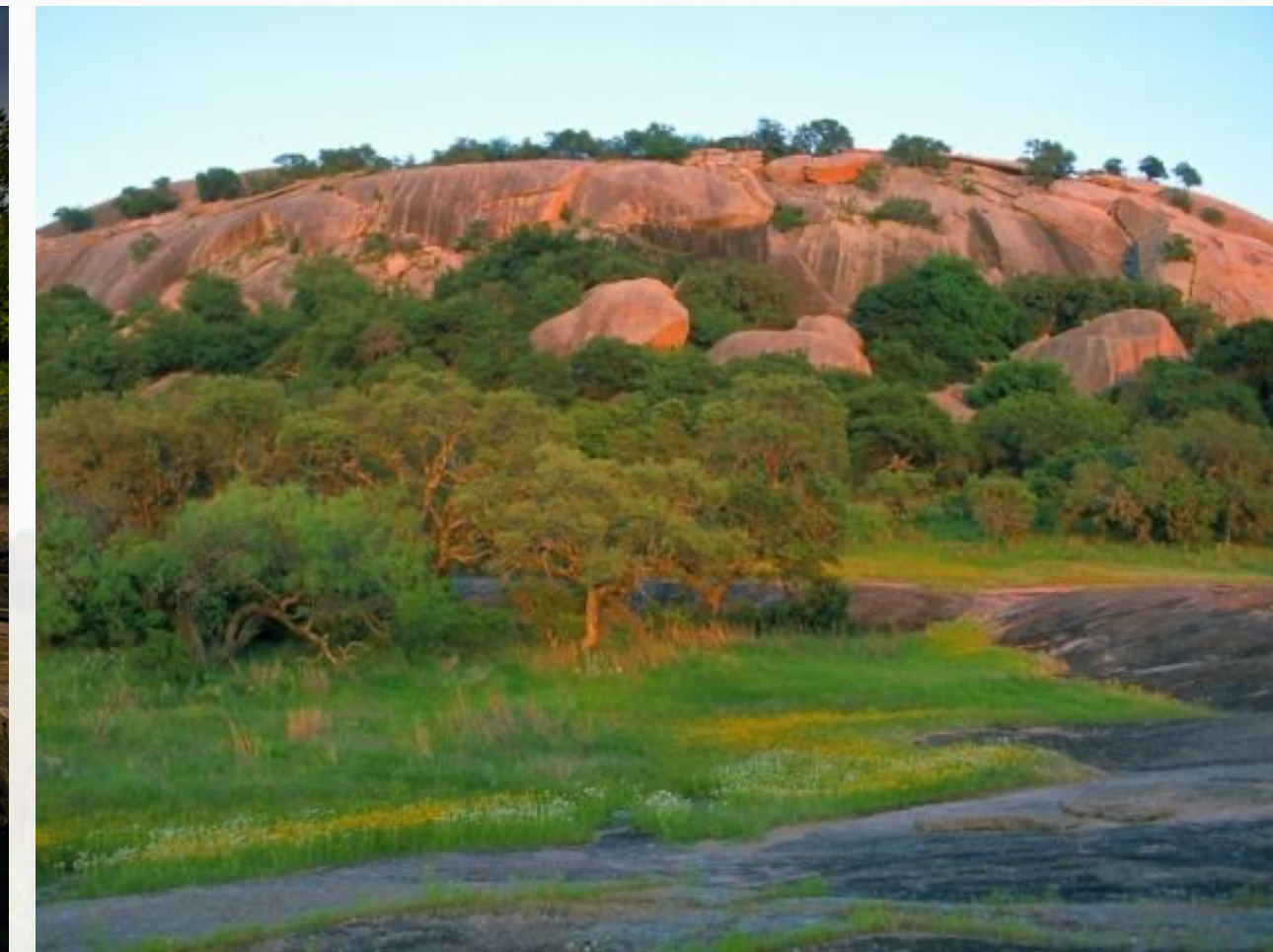
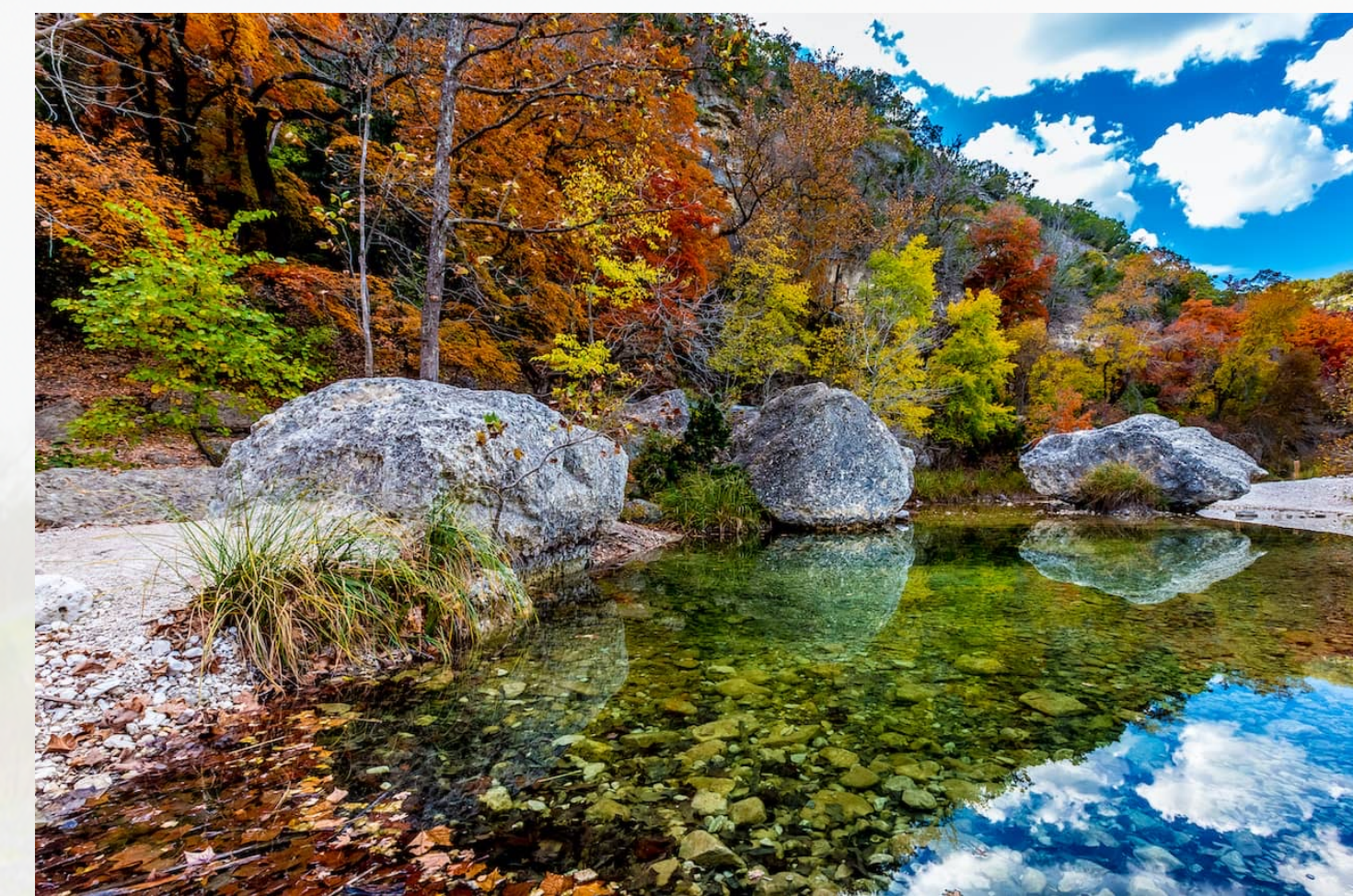
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- Hill Country Residents Play an Important Role
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This is our  
Common  
Ground

# Hill Country Natural Resources







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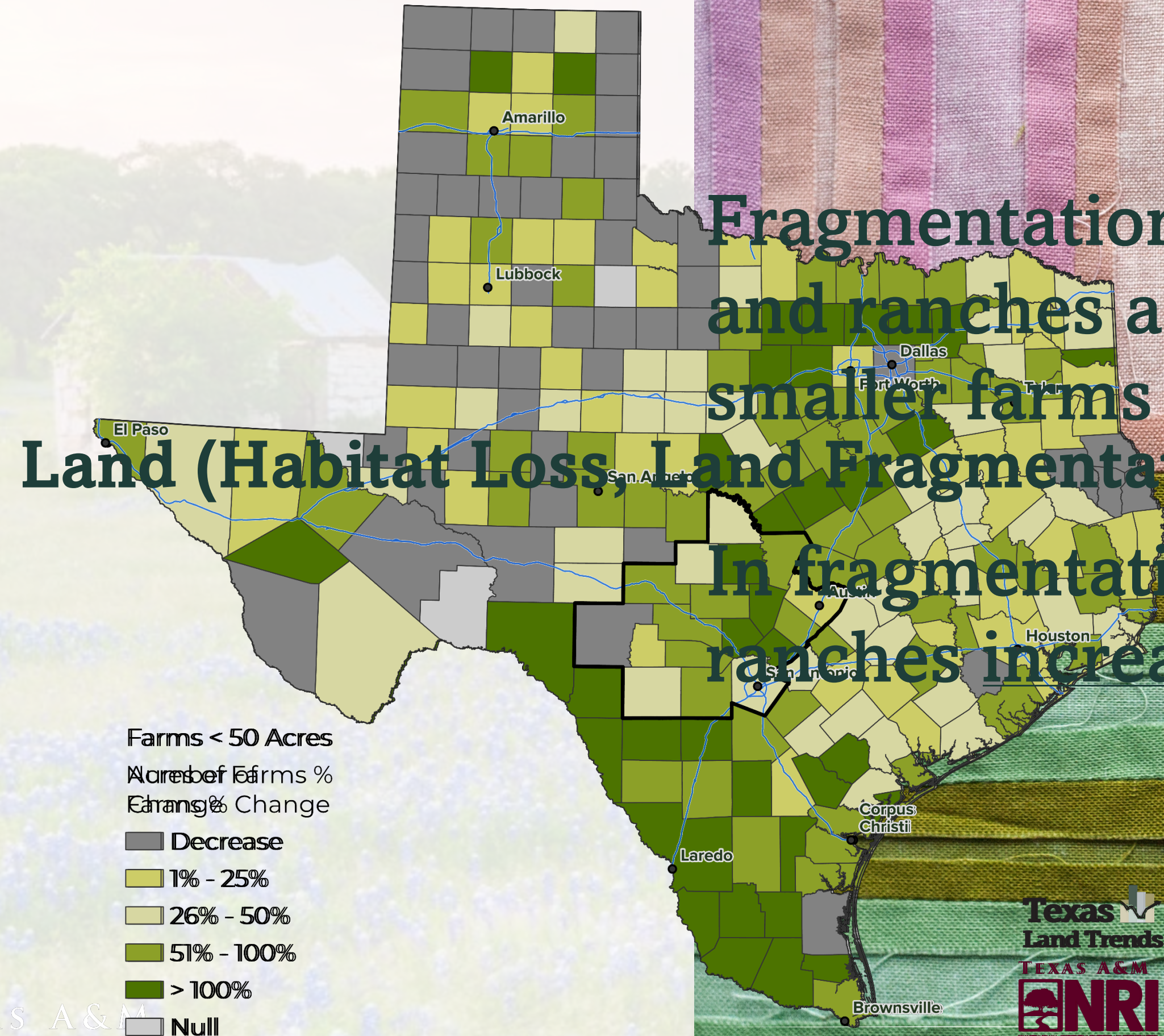
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# Land Fragmentation in the Hill Country

## Texas Land Trends



Fragmentation: When larger farms

and ranches are subdivided into smaller farms and ranches (<50 acres) over the last 20 years.

In fragmentation, the # of farms and ranches increases.

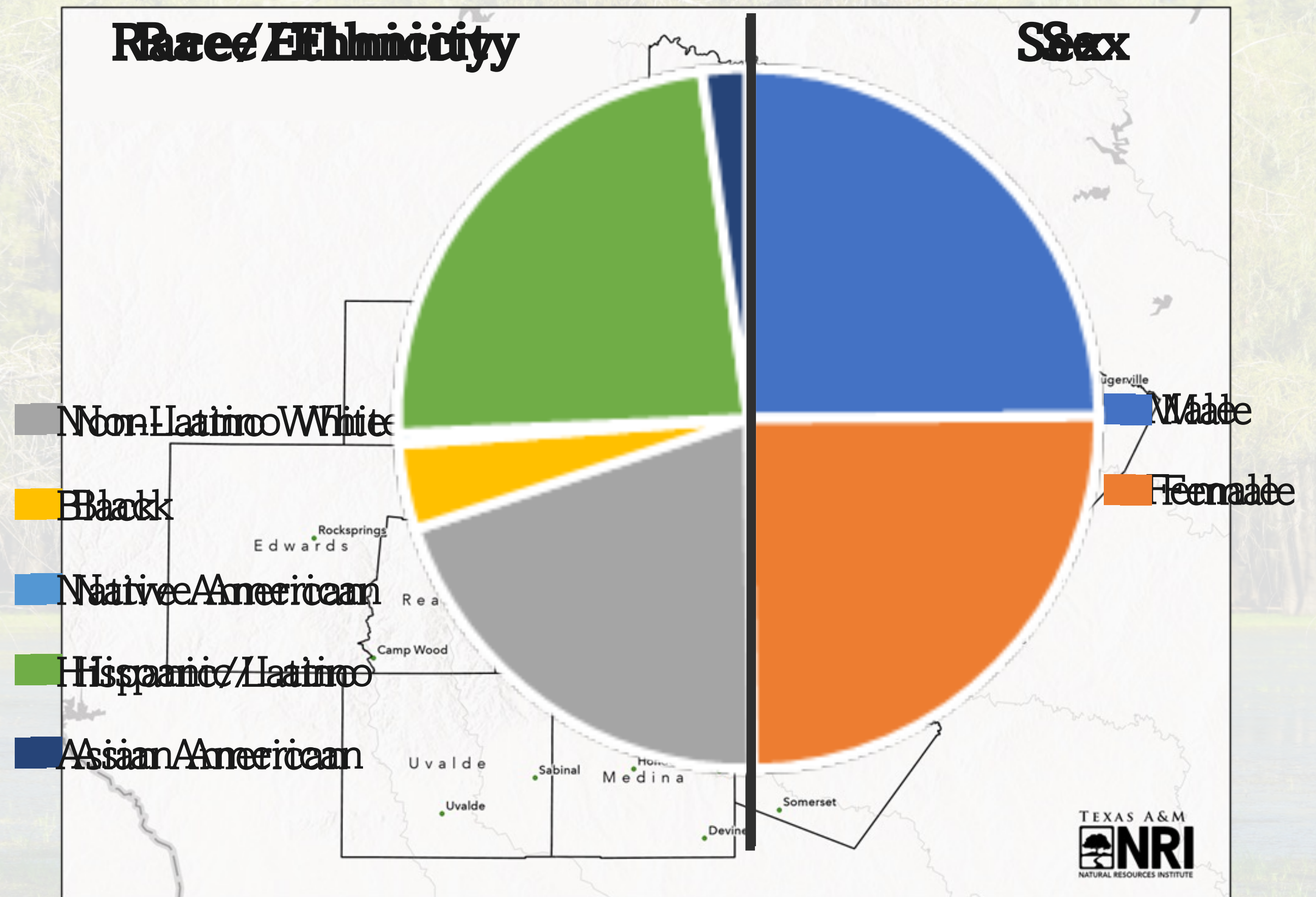
Collectively, these farms and ranches make up ~69K acres across the Hill Country.

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# All Hill Country Residents Play an Important Role

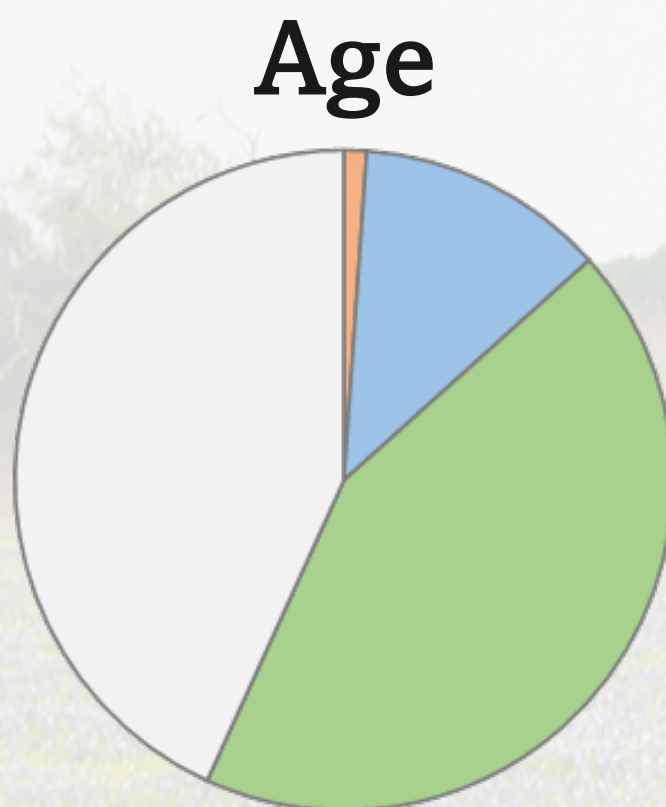
- 18 Counties
- People
  - Residents, ~ 4M
- Land
  - Farms/Ranches
    - ~20K owners, ~9.4M Acres
    - < 50 Acres
    - ✓ Farms/Ranches, ~40%
    - ✓ Acres, ~2%





# Hill Country Smaller Acreage Landowners

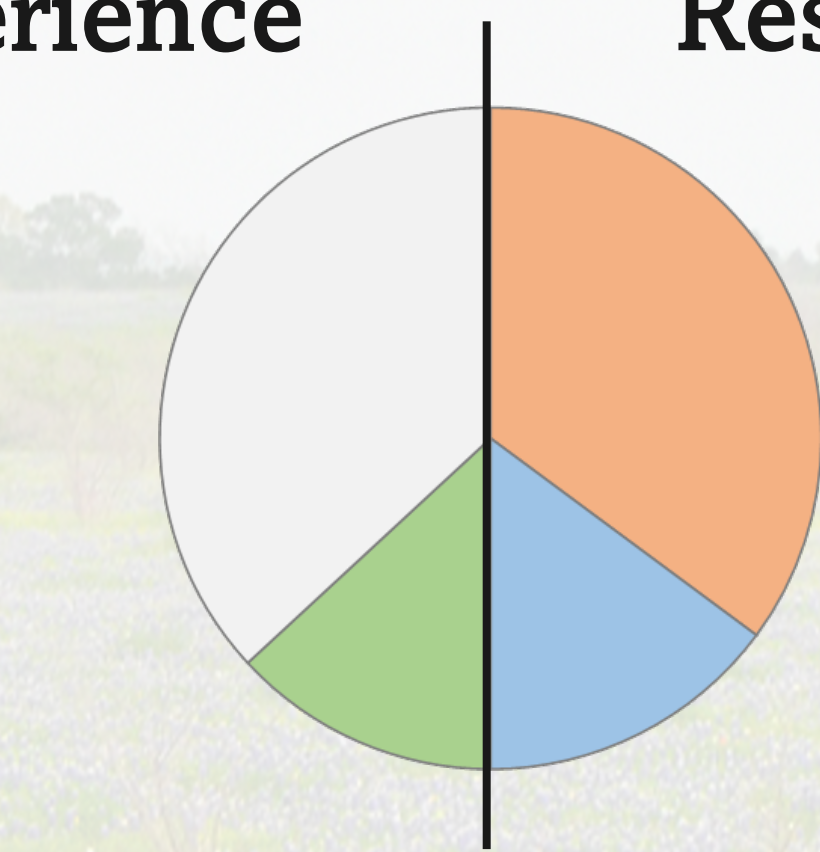
## At-a-Glance (USDA, 2017)



- Age LT 25
- Age 25 to 44
- Age 45 to 64
- Age GTE 65

**Older**

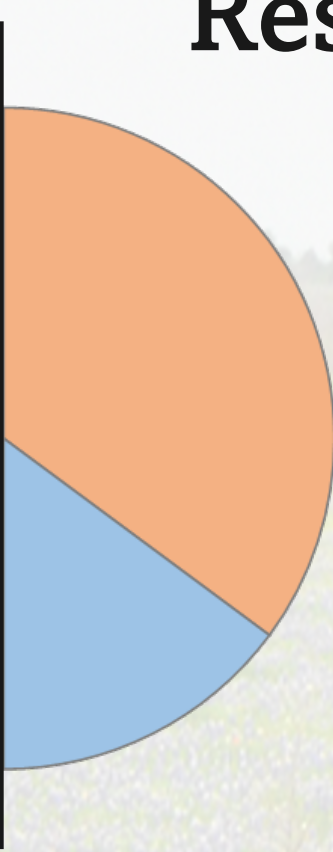
**Experience**



- 0-10 Years
- GE 11 Years

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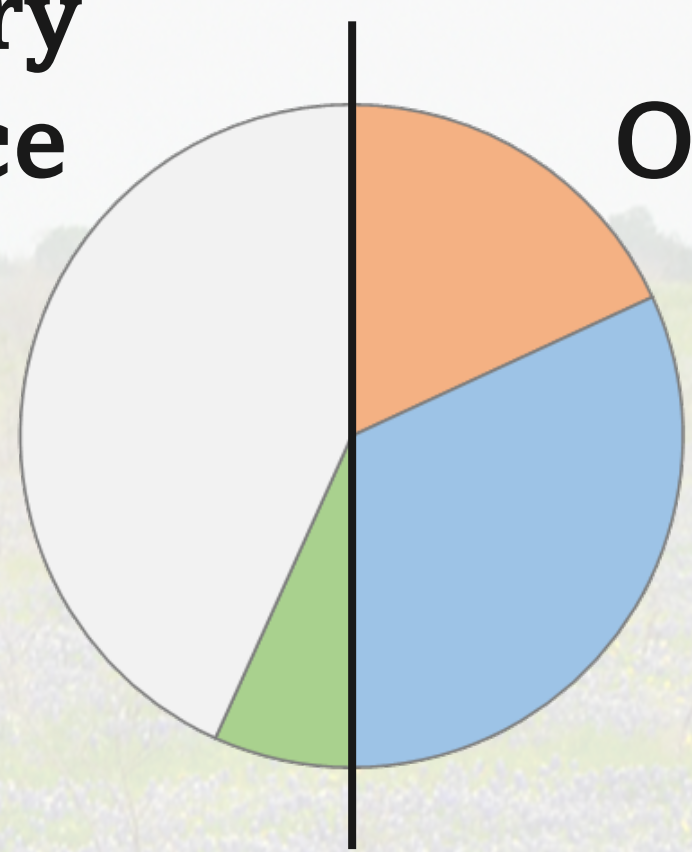
**Residence**



- On-Farm
- Off-Farm

**Live On-Farm**

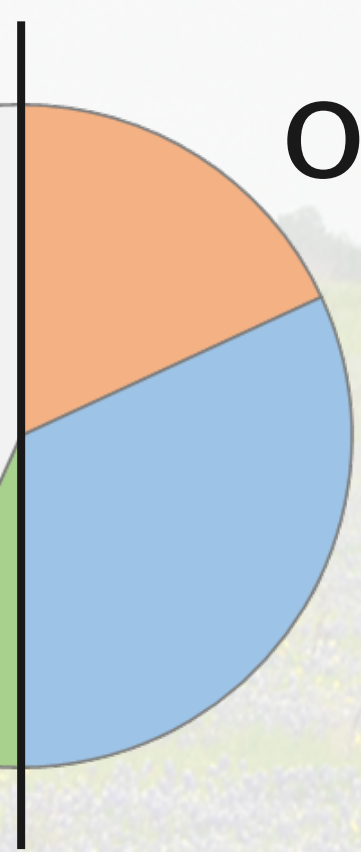
**Military Service**



- Served
- Never Served

**Some have Served**

**Farming Occupation**



- Primary
- Secondary

**Farming Secondary Occupation**





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