

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 396,508 acres in 1992 to 364,190 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 17 percent from 677 acres in 1992 to 560 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 287 farms in 1992 to 283 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

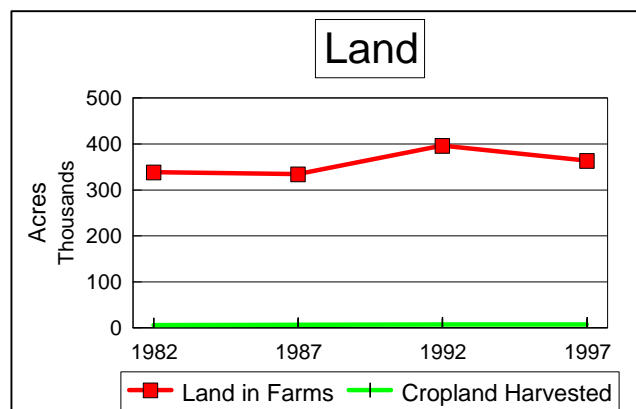
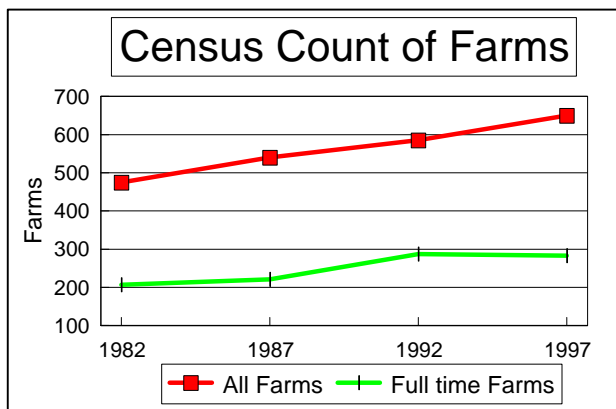
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 10 percent from \$8,092 in 1992 to \$7,251 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,713	235	254	2,781	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,918	226	254	2,475	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	795	221	252	2,780	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,343	230	254	2,049	3,063
Horses and ponies	441	38	254	326	3,015
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	58	222	1,130	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	358	150	250	1,936	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	295	94	189	1,569	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	180	46	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	6,637	228	254	1,926	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,719	36	235	302	2,765
All goats sold	3,215	32	243	36	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	12	123	105	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,471	228	254	1,879	3,064
All goat inventory	11,711	27	247	30	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	5,822	35	244	229	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,364	53	254	457	3,066
Rabbit inventory	(D)	3	170	60	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,560	175	253	2,196	3,061
Oats-acres	641	53	185	857	2,332
Land in orchards-acres	458	89	236	496	2,693
Sorghum forage, hay-acres	345	10	110	65	382
Wheat-acres	(D)	193	211	2,279	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	549	476	15
\$10,000 or more	101	110	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,175	5,142	59
Average per farmdollars..	12,577	8,775	43
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(1,349)	701	-292
Average per farmdollars..	(2,075)	1,196	-273
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	555	495	12
Partnership or corporation	90	73	23
Other	5	18	-72
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	283	287	-1
Other	367	299	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	564	498	13
Female	86	88	-2
Operators by race:			
White	638	577	11
Black and other races	12	9	33
Average age of operator	58.9	61.0	-3

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.