

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



## HARRIS TEXAS

### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 308,344 acres in 1992 to 311,005 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 197 acres in 1992 to 180 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 551 farms in 1992 to 600 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

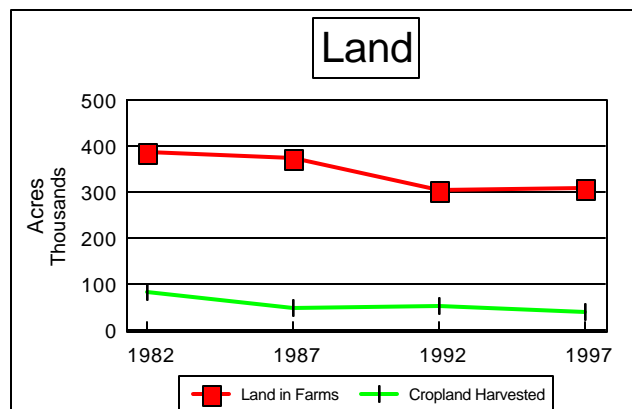
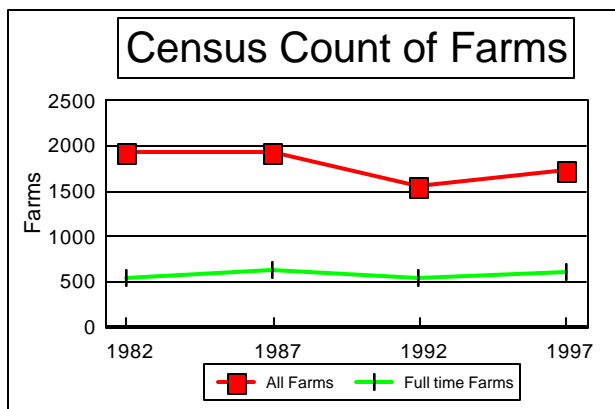
Decreased 2 percent to \$43,301,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 11 percent from \$28,121 in 1992 to \$25,073 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	43,301	79	254	1,350	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	30,258	41	252	928	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	13,043	143	254	1,638	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	22,502	6	189	89	2,790
Cattle and calves	7,895	163	254	1,096	3,063
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	3,755	11	132	161	1,971
All other livestock & products	1,986	2	144	25	1,649
Horses and ponies	1,468	6	254	63	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	23,452	139	254	826	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,448	36	180	554	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,842	56	242	1,593	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	685	4	254	47	3,015
All goats sold	652	78	243	138	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	50,114	112	254	606	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	4,064	27	223	288	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	3,858	4	254	41	3,066
All goat inventory	3,065	56	247	66	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,372	52	246	1,481	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	20,886	78	253	996	3,061
Rice-acres	7,218	10	22	70	153
Corn for grain-acres	4,388	66	178	1,373	2,691
All nursery-acres	3,638	3	167	62	2,619
Sorghum for grain-acres	3,116	111	219	344	1,508

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	1,361	1,182	15
\$10,000 or more .....	366	383	-4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	29,675	34,871	-15
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,183	22,282	-23
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	12,290	7,885	56
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,116	5,039	41
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,519	1,352	12
Partnership or corporation .....	198	197	1
Other .....	10	16	-38
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	600	551	9
Other .....	1,127	1,014	11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,442	1,342	7
Female .....	285	223	28
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,605	1,490	8
Black and other races .....	122	75	63
Average age of operator .....	55.9	54.9	2

(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.