

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



HIDALGO TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 660,412 acres in 1992 to 635,884 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 422 acres in 1992 to 463 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 800 farms in 1992 to 624 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

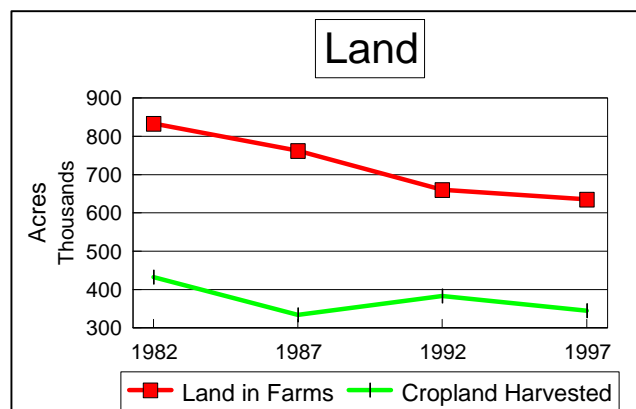
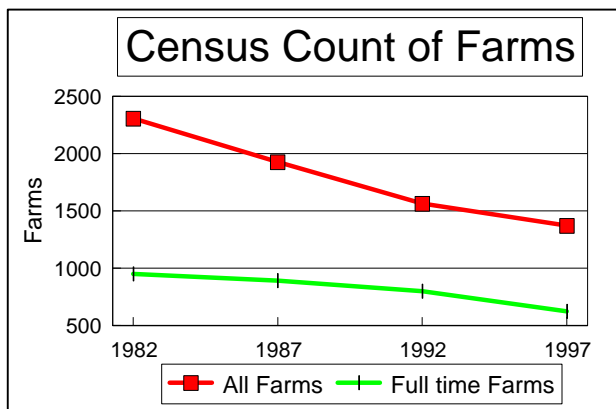
Decreased 2 percent to \$197,235,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$129,138 in 1992 to \$143,652 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	197,235	16	254	139	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	181,134	1	252	49	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	16,100	123	254	1,438	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	77,866	1	206	20	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	25,741	1	212	72	2,547
Cotton, cottonseed	24,802	19	177	58	709
Grain sorghum	18,680	3	208	3	1,275
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	17,079	2	172	81	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	30,289	111	254	631	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,357	76	242	1,714	2,976
All goats sold	549	86	243	165	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	54	123	581	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	136	75	254	650	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	34,322	156	254	979	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	12	185	198	2,588
All goat inventory	1,945	70	247	93	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	1,147	65	254	603	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	539	103	245	1,626	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sorghum for grain-acres	136,625	2	219	2	1,508
Cotton-acres	61,890	25	178	54	713
Corn for grain-acres	41,328	13	178	574	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	29,558	1	206	20	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	26,423	1	236	39	2,693

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	809	963	-16
\$10,000 or more	564	602	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	150,268	171,682	-12
Average per farmdollars..	109,525	109,701	-0
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	46,064	29,270	57
Average per farmdollars..	33,574	18,703	80
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,094	1,217	-10
Partnership or corporation	255	326	-22
Other	24	22	9
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	624	800	-22
Other	749	765	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,245	1,456	-14
Female	128	109	17
Operators by race:			
White	1,061	1,296	-18
Black and other races	312	269	16
Average age of operator	56.5	55.1	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.