

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



## HILL TEXAS

### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 470,096 acres in 1992 to 463,925 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 315 acres in 1992 to 297 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 741 farms in 1992 to 668 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

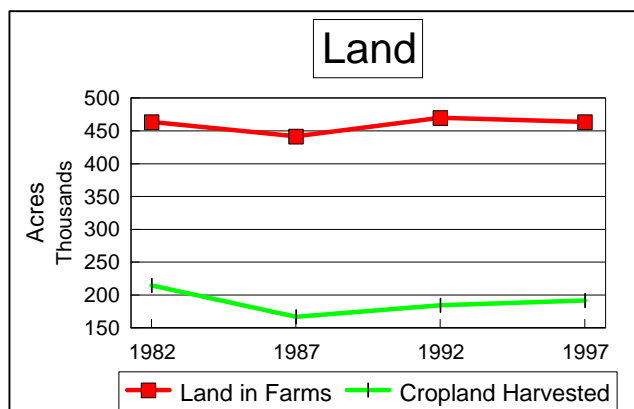
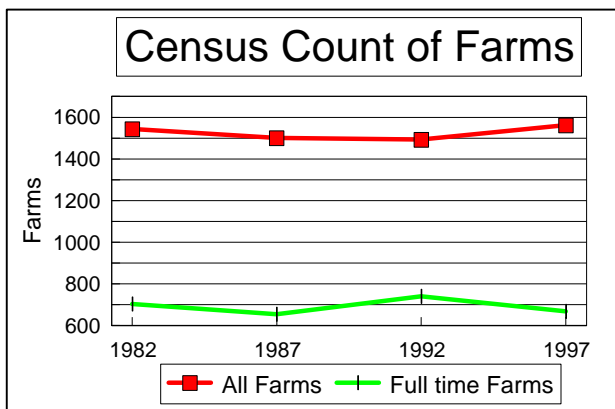
Increased 30 percent to \$57,711,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 24 percent from \$29,791 in 1992 to \$36,923 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	57,711	55	254	1,033	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	34,448	37	252	840	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	23,264	85	254	1,100	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	12,094	118	254	752	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	15	189	254	2,790
Grain sorghum	7,765	10	208	32	1,275
Dairy products	6,710	21	176	514	2,563
Wheat	6,188	14	211	319	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	(D)	9	85	151	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	33,763	99	254	539	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	4,224	26	180	419	2,200
All goats sold	1,171	57	243	75	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	764	71	235	973	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	5	171	70	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	66,470	76	254	367	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	4,900	22	223	249	2,884
All goat inventory	2,470	63	247	76	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	1,599	40	254	327	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Sorghum for grain-acres	56,623	11	219	33	1,508
Wheat-acres	52,072	25	211	304	2,612
Hay crops-acres	40,250	32	253	423	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	24,946	20	178	733	2,691
Cotton-acres	19,972	57	178	177	713

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 .....	1,029	984	5
\$10,000 or more .....	534	510	5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	57,330	38,217	50
Average per farm .....dollars..	36,679	25,597	43
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,136	5,442	-79
Average per farm .....dollars..	726	3,645	-80
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,418	1,375	3
Partnership or corporation .....	138	115	20
Other .....	7	4	75
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	668	741	-10
Other .....	895	753	19
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,437	1,364	5
Female .....	126	130	-3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,538	1,471	5
Black and other races .....	25	23	9
Average age of operator .....	56.1	56.4	-1

(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.