

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



## HOUSTON TEXAS

### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 417,187 acres in 1992 to 440,228 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 307 acres in 1992 to 322 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Unchanged from 595 farms in 1992 to 595 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

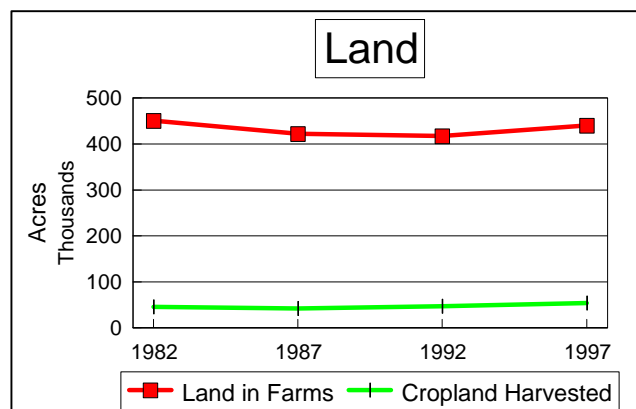
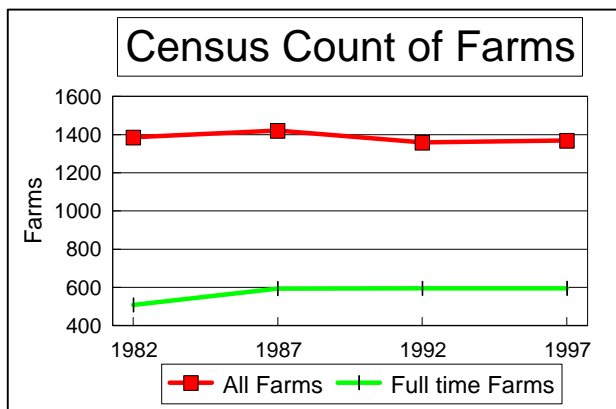
Decreased 6 percent to \$27,388,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 7 percent from \$21,405 in 1992 to \$20,006 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	27,388	129	254	1,838	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	23,417	84	254	1,098	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,971	167	252	2,244	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	19,358	61	254	423	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	40	222	760	2,901
Dairy products	(D)	65	176	1,332	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	966	62	250	956	3,043
Cotton, cottonseed	935	90	177	397	709
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	27	115	487	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	51,241	47	254	276	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	35	146	677	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	1,777	59	242	1,609	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,460	53	180	673	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	28	190	484	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	105,335	20	254	116	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	30	245	563	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	13	246	972	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,385	52	254	449	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	43,001	26	253	366	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	4,599	7	236	124	2,693
Cotton-acres	3,303	96	178	368	713
Peanuts-acres	1,208	36	115	148	466
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	96	178	1,840	2,691

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 .....	942	840	12
\$10,000 or more .....	427	520	-18
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	26,616	25,465	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	19,442	18,724	4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	604	2,365	-74
Average per farm .....dollars..	441	1,739	-75
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,233	1,230	0
Partnership or corporation .....	120	120	
Other .....	16	10	60
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	595	595	
Other .....	774	765	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,243	1,240	0
Female .....	126	120	5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,239	1,222	1
Black and other races .....	130	138	-6
Average age of operator .....	58.7	58.3	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.