

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



HOWARD TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 489,398 acres in 1992 to 543,576 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 1,337 acres in 1992 to 1,247 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 226 farms in 1992 to 219 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

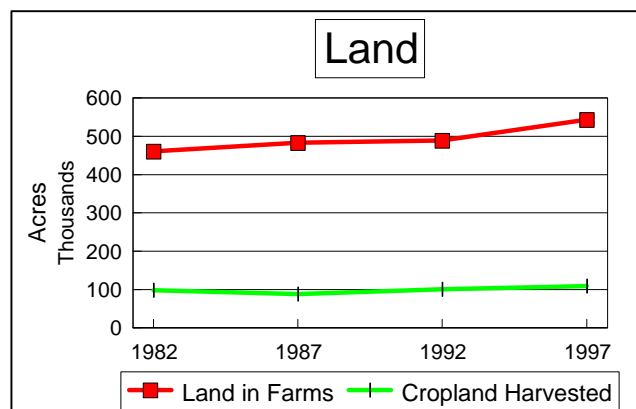
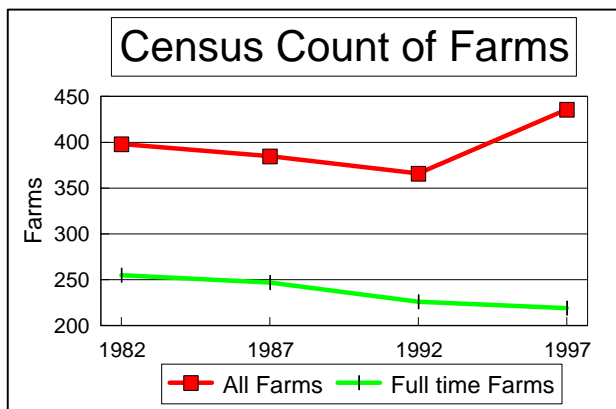
Increased 64 percent to \$31,487,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 38 percent from \$52,320 in 1992 to \$72,217 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	31,487	110	254	1,673	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	21,848	54	252	1,191	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,639	167	254	1,883	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	21,354	20	177	69	709
Cattle and calves	9,428	140	254	941	3,063
Wheat	236	125	211	1,463	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	199	189	250	2,361	3,043
Dairy products	(D)	137	176	2,271	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	18,411	166	254	1,065	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	641	82	235	1,100	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	187	172	242	2,413	2,976
All goats sold	144	167	243	683	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	39	171	254	1,901	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	18,419	208	254	1,615	3,064
All goat inventory	581	139	247	396	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	537	101	244	1,370	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	445	174	254	1,750	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	238	144	246	2,188	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	102,389	14	178	23	713
Hay crops-acres	4,876	189	253	2,297	3,061
Wheat-acres	1,989	131	211	1,427	2,612
Oats-acres	(D)	114	185	1,508	2,332
Land in orchards-acres	101	153	236	1,035	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	226	168	35
\$10,000 or more	210	198	6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,514	15,309	34
Average per farmdollars..	47,050	41,714	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,782	4,830	82
Average per farmdollars..	20,141	13,161	53
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	351	292	20
Partnership or corporation	78	69	13
Other	7	5	40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	219	226	-3
Other	217	140	55
Operators by sex:			
Male	402	350	15
Female	34	16	113
Operators by race:			
White	426	360	18
Black and other races	10	6	67
Average age of operator	55.8	55.1	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.