

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



HUTCHINSON TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 402,897 acres in 1992 to 400,166 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 2,098 acres in 1992 to 2,106 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 118 farms in 1992 to 107 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

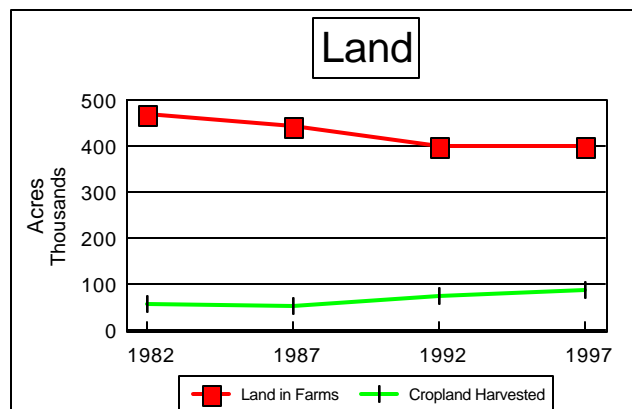
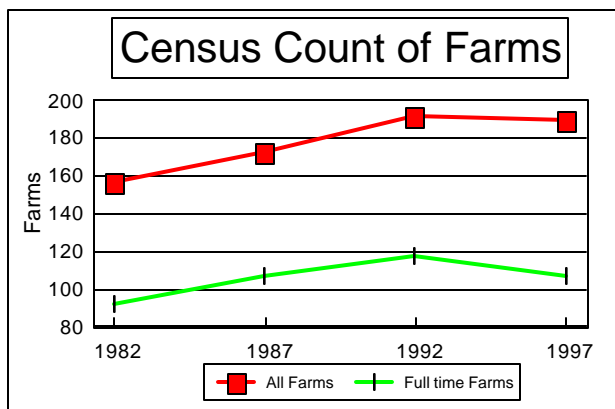
Decreased 54 percent to \$42,969,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 53 percent from \$484,727 in 1992 to \$226,152 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	42,969	80	254	1,363	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	29,256	66	254	904	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,713	90	252	1,550	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	29,184	35	254	251	3,063
Corn for grain	6,588	21	160	700	2,582
Wheat	4,507	24	211	405	2,578
Grain sorghum	1,712	63	208	186	1,275
Soybeans	(D)	27	119	1,266	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	49,139	52	254	299	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	202	242	2,661	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	204	243	1,258	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	35	178	254	1,999	3,015
Mules, burros, and donkeys sold	(D)	95	173	434	1,580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	42,786	133	254	744	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	464	169	254	1,696	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	56	207	245	2,782	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	54	124	203	1,550	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	34	217	246	2,766	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	53,380	24	211	302	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	18,231	28	178	853	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	11,972	68	219	190	1,508
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,059	32	119	1,305	2,144
Hay crops-acres	1,945	223	253	2,723	3,061

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	83	71	17
\$10,000 or more	107	121	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,424	80,559	-57
Average per farmdollars..	181,177	419,578	-57
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,077	12,377	-27
Average per farmdollars..	47,775	64,465	-26
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	160	136	18
Partnership or corporation	28	52	-46
Other	2	4	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	107	118	-9
Other	83	74	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	182	179	2
Female	8	13	-38
Operators by race:			
White	186	189	-2
Black and other races	4	3	33
Average age of operator	54.0	52.4	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.