

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



JEFFERSON TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 35 percent from 322,324 acres in 1992 to 433,597 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 655 acres in 1992 to 772 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 246 farms in 1992 to 225 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

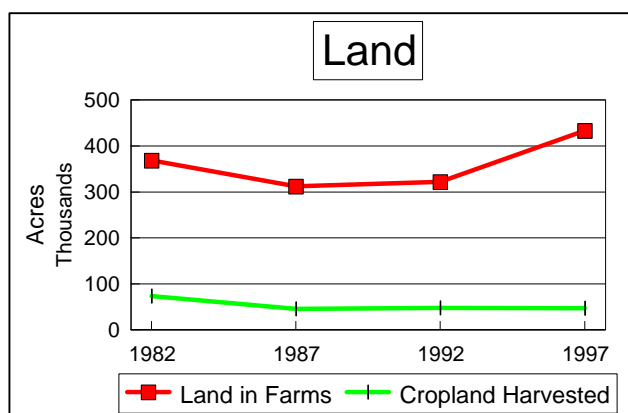
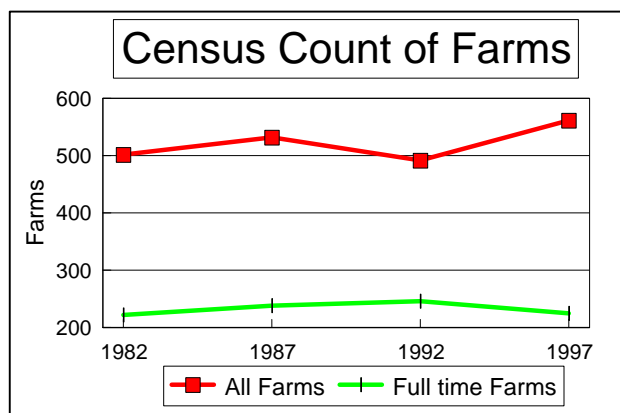
Increased 20 percent to \$25,957,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$43,980 in 1992 to \$46,187 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	25,957	133	254	1,886	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	18,373	65	252	1,327	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,584	185	254	2,080	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	14,390	4	132	55	1,971
Cattle and calves	6,760	176	254	1,224	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,837	40	189	576	2,790
Soybeans	544	31	119	1,313	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	401	140	250	1,815	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	21,911	148	254	903	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	910	66	180	789	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	340	48	115	1,143	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	274	155	242	2,297	2,976
All goats sold	131	173	243	748	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	44,996	129	254	702	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	2,510	15	185	245	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,914	53	223	464	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,072	74	254	661	3,066
All goat inventory	705	119	247	295	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Rice-acres	29,623	3	22	36	153
Hay crops-acres	12,517	112	253	1,462	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,445	28	119	1,282	2,144
All nursery-acres	712	17	167	404	2,619
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	162	219	603	1,508

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	353	283	25
\$10,000 or more	209	209	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,873	19,584	12
Average per farmdollars..	38,920	39,885	-2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,336	1,883	77
Average per farmdollars..	5,936	3,834	55
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	467	407	15
Partnership or corporation	88	80	10
Other	7	5	40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	225	246	-9
Other	337	246	37
Operators by sex:			
Male	526	466	13
Female	36	26	38
Operators by race:			
White	539	476	13
Black and other races	23	16	44
Average age of operator	53.7	53.2	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.