

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 517,671 acres in 1992 to 496,317 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 751 acres in 1992 to 673 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 331 farms in 1992 to 324 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

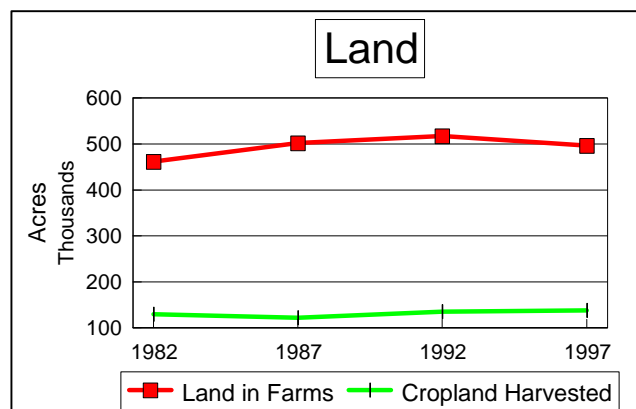
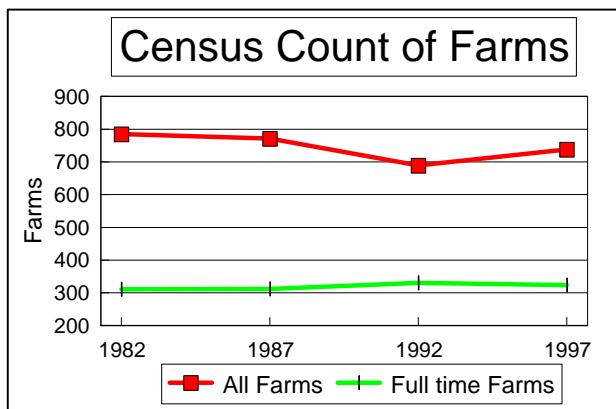
Decreased 17 percent to \$35,618,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 23 percent from \$62,413 in 1992 to \$48,263 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	35,618	100	254	1,551	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,830	70	252	1,357	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	17,789	112	254	1,364	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Grain sorghum	9,342	8	208	22	1,275
Cattle and calves	8,614	150	254	1,015	3,063
Dairy products	6,065	25	176	555	2,563
All other livestock & products	(D)	1	144	20	1,649
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,753	19	206	291	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	22,440	144	254	874	3,063
All goats sold	2,271	39	243	46	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	825	93	242	1,868	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	76	125	254	1,215	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	44	183	235	2,314	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	49,098	115	254	625	3,064
All goat inventory	3,154	53	247	62	2,983
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	17	185	273	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	739	75	246	1,723	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	727	119	254	1,112	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sorghum for grain-acres	85,165	7	219	9	1,508
Hay crops-acres	19,652	85	253	1,056	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	19,100	26	178	837	2,691
Cotton-acres	7,075	77	178	291	713
Wheat-acres	2,232	128	211	1,389	2,612

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	526	412	28
\$10,000 or more	212	277	-23
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	28,069	39,547	-29
Average per farmdollars..	38,034	57,397	-34
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,399	5,327	1
Average per farmdollars..	7,316	7,731	-5
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	621	590	5
Partnership or corporation	112	92	22
Other	5	7	-29
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	324	331	-2
Other	414	358	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	664	612	8
Female	74	77	-4
Operators by race:			
White	593	615	-4
Black and other races	145	74	96
Average age of operator	56.9	57.2	-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.