

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 416,631 acres in 1992 to 406,772 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 257 acres in 1992 to 234 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 688 farms in 1992 to 633 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

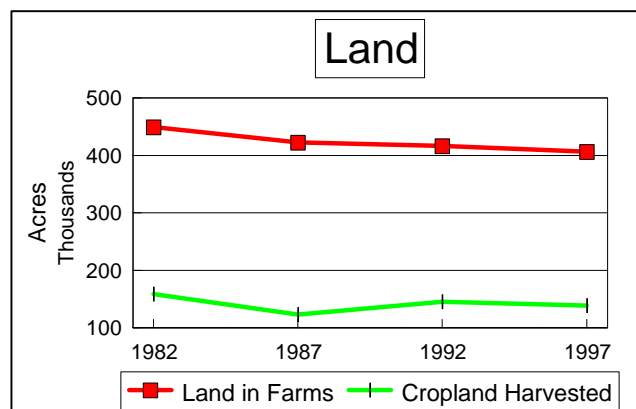
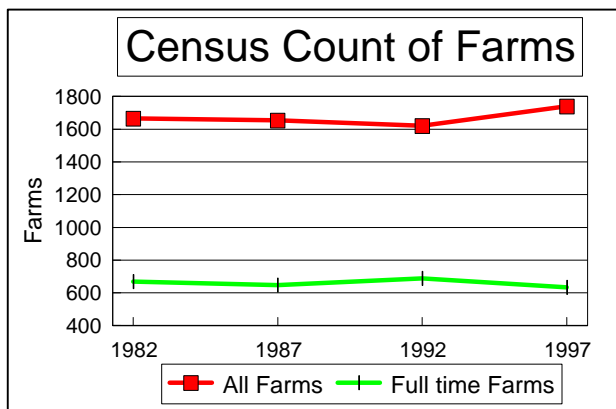
Increased 51 percent to \$51,485,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 41 percent from \$21,012 in 1992 to \$29,572 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 | 51,485 | 63 | 254 | 1,166 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 33,100 | 53 | 254 | 809 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 18,385 | 64 | 252 | 1,325 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Poultry & poultry products | 21,774 | 12 | 222 | 260 | 2,901 |
| Corn for grain | 10,690 | 14 | 160 | 537 | 2,582 |
| Cattle and calves | 9,507 | 138 | 254 | 933 | 3,063 |
| Grain sorghum | 2,927 | 41 | 208 | 124 | 1,275 |
| Wheat | 2,034 | 52 | 211 | 655 | 2,578 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Turkeys sold | (D) | 3 | 85 | 62 | 1,353 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 24,540 | 132 | 254 | 789 | 3,063 |
| All goats sold | 3,095 | 33 | 243 | 37 | 2,686 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 2,937 | 37 | 242 | 1,422 | 2,976 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 1,943 | 48 | 235 | 490 | 2,765 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| All turkeys inventory | (D) | 4 | 171 | 54 | 2,361 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 48,331 | 117 | 254 | 637 | 3,064 |
| All goat inventory | 7,287 | 36 | 247 | 42 | 2,983 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 3,804 | 46 | 244 | 316 | 2,864 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 1,981 | 29 | 254 | 219 | 3,066 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Corn for grain-acres | 53,022 | 8 | 178 | 488 | 2,691 |
| Hay crops-acres | 31,277 | 50 | 253 | 645 | 3,061 |
| Sorghum for grain-acres | 25,083 | 41 | 219 | 106 | 1,508 |
| Wheat-acres | 22,641 | 52 | 211 | 497 | 2,612 |
| Cotton-acres | 3,611 | 93 | 178 | 360 | 713 |

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 | 1,310 | 1,167 | 12 |
| \$10,000 or more | 431 | 455 | -5 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 42,752 | 31,898 | 34 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 24,542 | 19,654 | 25 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 9,535 | 2,019 | 372 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 5,473 | 1,244 | 340 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 1,601 | 1,455 | 10 |
| Partnership or corporation | 131 | 153 | -14 |
| Other | 9 | 14 | -36 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 633 | 688 | -8 |
| Other | 1,108 | 934 | 19 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 1,576 | 1,511 | 4 |
| Female | 165 | 111 | 49 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 1,712 | 1,604 | 7 |
| Black and other races | 29 | 18 | 61 |
| Average age of operator | 56.2 | 56.4 | -0 |

(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.