

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



## LAMAR TEXAS

### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 424,701 acres in 1992 to 431,136 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 303 acres in 1992 to 280 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 612 farms in 1992 to 605 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

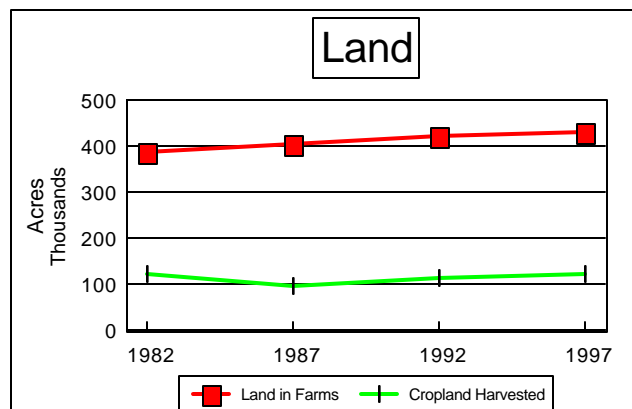
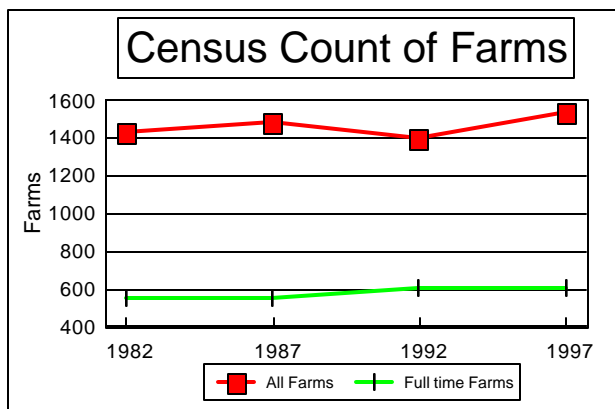
Increased 2 percent to \$35,385,000 in 1997.

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 7 percent from \$24,833 in 1992 to \$22,992 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	35,385	102	254	1,558	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,125	77	254	1,069	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,260	100	252	1,685	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	17,164	77	254	504	3,063
Dairy products	6,335	24	176	536	2,563
Soybeans	5,392	1	119	724	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,040	21	250	386	3,043
Corn for grain	1,036	62	160	1,325	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	45,780	65	254	339	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	35	115	650	1,882
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	1	123	28	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	48	146	1,012	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	694	101	242	1,929	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	83,782	48	254	218	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	3,426	9	185	174	2,588
Rabbit inventory	(D)	2	170	32	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	1,351	54	254	467	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	744	86	245	1,369	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	65,865	4	253	143	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	35,899	2	119	624	2,144
Wheat-acres	8,403	87	211	839	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	5,476	92	219	277	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	4,781	63	178	1,333	2,691

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	1,007	890	13
\$10,000 or more .....	532	511	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	31,439	30,594	3
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,428	21,853	-7
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,739	3,839	-29
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,780	2,742	-35
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,425	1,301	10
Partnership or corporation .....	110	95	16
Other .....	4	5	-20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	605	612	-1
Other .....	934	789	18
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,420	1,322	7
Female .....	119	79	51
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,502	1,376	9
Black and other races .....	37	25	48
Average age of operator .....	55.7	56.0	-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.