

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



## LAMB TEXAS

### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 518,028 acres in 1992 to 539,395 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 695 acres in 1992 to 624 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 574 farms in 1992 to 550 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

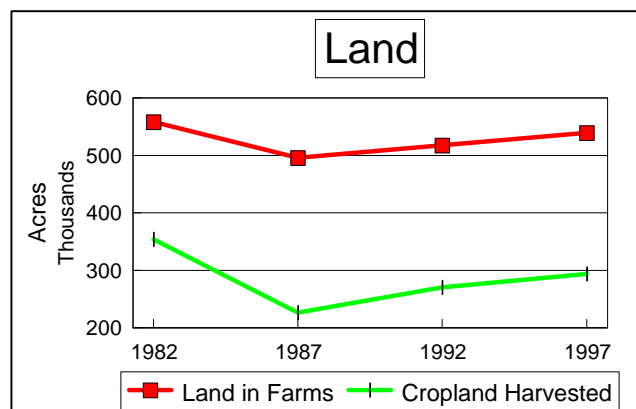
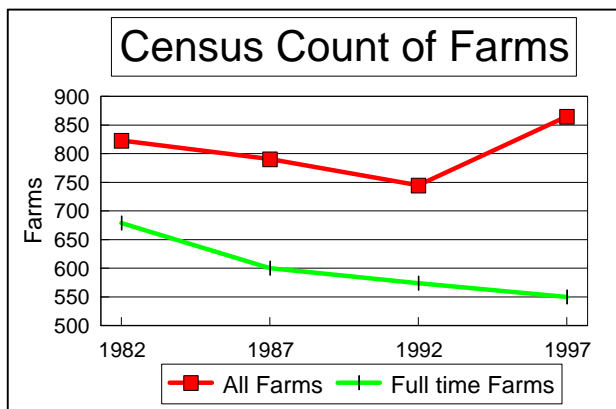
Increased 23 percent to \$253,464,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$277,234 in 1992 to \$293,022 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	253,464	11	254	84	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	152,653	15	254	84	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	100,811	6	252	141	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	145,229	11	254	36	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	60,527	8	177	17	709
Corn for grain	21,116	8	160	308	2,582
Dairy products	(D)	22	176	515	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	4,302	14	172	251	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	211,763	11	254	38	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	7,519	28	235	163	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,304	78	242	1,731	2,976
All goats sold	308	117	243	320	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	147	180	1,790	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	116,240	18	254	96	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,722	39	244	268	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	624	85	246	1,794	3,005
All goat inventory	592	135	247	381	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	210	233	254	2,558	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Cotton-acres	175,894	9	178	13	713
Corn for grain-acres	46,328	12	178	537	2,691
Wheat-acres	22,911	50	211	494	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	18,248	53	219	146	1,508
Hay crops-acres	11,861	116	253	1,520	3,061

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 .....	330	161	105
\$10,000 or more .....	535	584	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	205,678	189,842	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	238,053	254,480	-6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	43,439	16,284	167
Average per farm .....dollars..	50,277	21,829	130
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	589	535	10
Partnership or corporation .....	261	202	29
Other .....	15	8	88
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	550	574	-4
Other .....	315	171	84
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	754	712	6
Female .....	111	33	236
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	853	731	17
Black and other races .....	12	14	-14
Average age of operator .....	54.5	50.8	7

(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.