

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



## LAVACA TEXAS

### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 527,837 acres in 1992 to 526,067 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 214 acres in 1992 to 206 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 993 farms in 1992 to 965 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

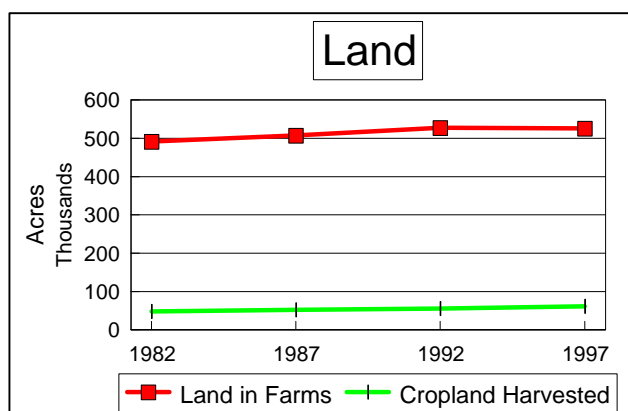
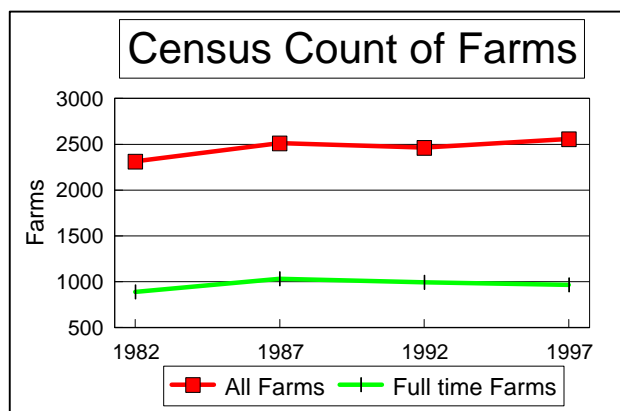
Increased 12 percent to \$42,657,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 8 percent from \$15,464 in 1992 to \$16,676 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	42,657	82	254	1,370	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	38,467	47	254	702	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,190	161	252	2,212	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	18,535	70	254	454	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	17,067	15	222	320	2,901
Dairy products	1,989	48	176	1,064	2,563
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,327	16	132	258	1,971
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	920	66	250	1,012	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3,356,710	18	115	316	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	7	146	70	2,203
Turkeys sold	(D)	15	85	223	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	53,328	43	254	262	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,248	27	242	1,288	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	922,667	6	245	86	3,002
Broiler inventory	499,552	20	190	327	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	118,562	16	254	92	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	8	159	160	1,790
All turkeys inventory	(D)	14	171	279	2,361
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	48,530	17	253	288	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	5,363	61	178	1,293	2,691
Rice-acres	2,694	14	22	94	153
Land in orchards-acres	2,501	21	236	185	2,693
Sorghum for grain-acres	1,347	141	219	464	1,508

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 .....	1,976	1,812	9
\$10,000 or more .....	582	653	-11
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	43,555	33,191	31
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,027	13,454	27
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(1,234)	3,539	-135
Average per farm .....dollars..	(483)	1,435	-134
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	2,334	2,202	6
Partnership or corporation .....	214	236	-9
Other .....	10	27	-63
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	965	993	-3
Other .....	1,593	1,472	8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	2,322	2,219	5
Female .....	236	246	-4
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	2,505	2,425	3
Black and other races .....	53	40	33
Average age of operator .....	56.7	55.7	2

(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.