

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 482,165 acres in 1992 to 514,724 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 307 acres in 1992 to 315 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 659 farms in 1992 to 688 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

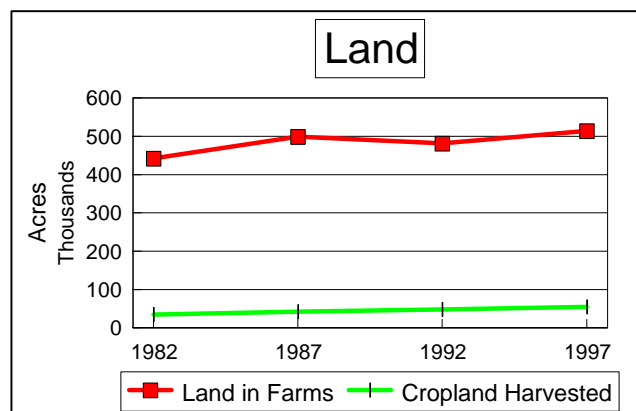
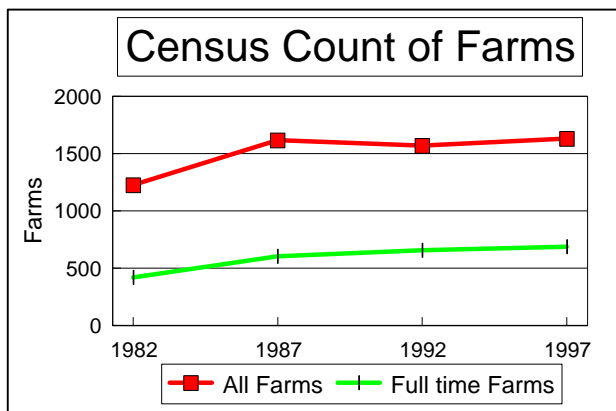
Increased 13 percent to \$27,062,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 9 percent from \$15,224 in 1992 to \$16,572 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	27,062	131	254	1,850	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	23,720	80	254	1,086	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,341	174	252	2,319	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	18,787	64	254	441	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	4,413	33	222	632	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,613	32	250	519	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	922	43	206	563	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	65	189	1,127	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,660,401	20	115	350	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	50,627	49	254	283	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,889	54	242	1,581	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	17	123	156	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	80	180	902	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	21	190	363	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	102,972	21	254	121	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,894	54	223	468	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,507	43	254	364	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,341	53	246	1,485	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	53,257	11	253	232	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	721	44	206	548	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	159	136	236	837	2,693
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	197	219	944	1,508
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	110	165	569	1,323

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 .....	1,180	1,045	13
\$10,000 or more .....	453	525	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	27,547	23,721	16
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,869	15,109	12
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(1,073)	(551)	-95
Average per farm .....dollars..	(657)	(351)	-87
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,510	1,483	2
Partnership or corporation .....	117	79	48
Other .....	6	8	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	688	659	4
Other .....	945	911	4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,469	1,423	3
Female .....	164	147	12
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,526	1,480	3
Black and other races .....	107	90	19
Average age of operator .....	58.5	57.3	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.