

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 342,213 acres in 1992 to 306,783 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 30 percent from 386 acres in 1992 to 270 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 368 farms in 1992 to 412 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

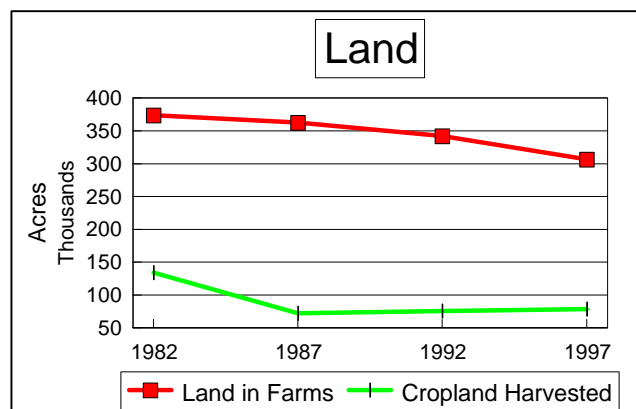
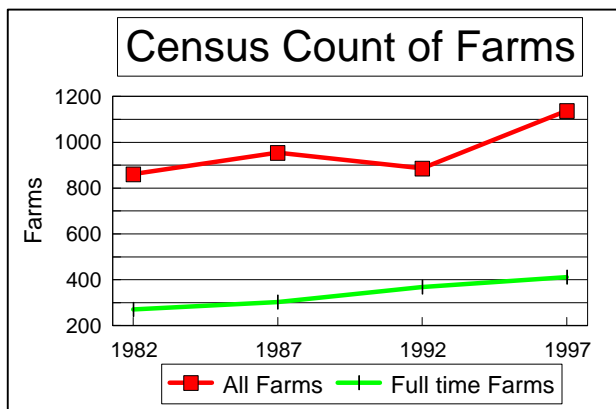
Increased 10 percent to \$23,723,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 14 percent from \$24,362 in 1992 to \$20,847 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	23,723	145	254	1,966	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,505	77	252	1,418	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,219	194	254	2,115	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	7,022	8	132	113	1,971
Cattle and calves	5,738	185	254	1,355	3,063
Soybeans	5,178	2	119	736	2,136
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,581	49	189	785	2,790
Grain sorghum	(D)	66	208	194	1,275
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	18,639	164	254	1,055	3,063
All goats sold	1,298	52	243	67	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	997	87	242	1,818	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	202	67	146	1,228	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	192	42	254	377	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	38,836	144	254	861	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	13,015	1	185	31	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,892	32	254	239	3,066
All goat inventory	1,432	84	247	133	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,118	61	245	1,138	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	37,309	1	119	613	2,144
Hay crops-acres	19,660	84	253	1,053	3,061
Rice-acres	12,859	8	22	59	153
Sorghum for grain-acres	7,923	86	219	240	1,508
All nursery-acres	876	13	167	342	2,619

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 .....	918	663	38
\$10,000 or more .....	220	223	-1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	21,675	20,173	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	19,047	22,769	-16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,753	1,728	1
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,541	1,950	-21
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,052	801	31
Partnership or corporation .....	81	84	-4
Other .....	5	1	400
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	412	368	12
Other .....	726	518	40
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,013	801	26
Female .....	125	85	47
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,066	856	25
Black and other races .....	72	30	140
Average age of operator .....	54.3	54.2	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.