

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 408,710 acres in 1992 to 447,824 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 218 acres in 1992 to 228 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 738 farms in 1992 to 735 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

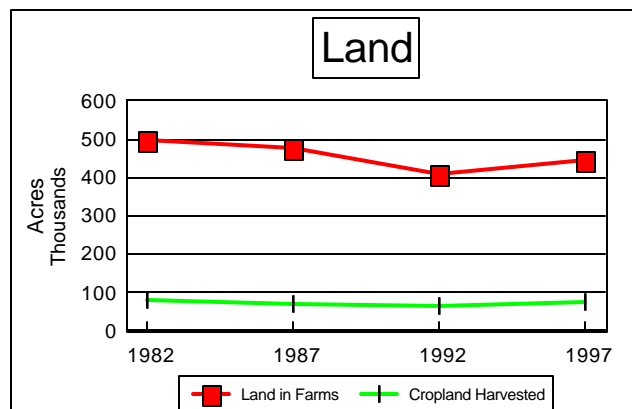
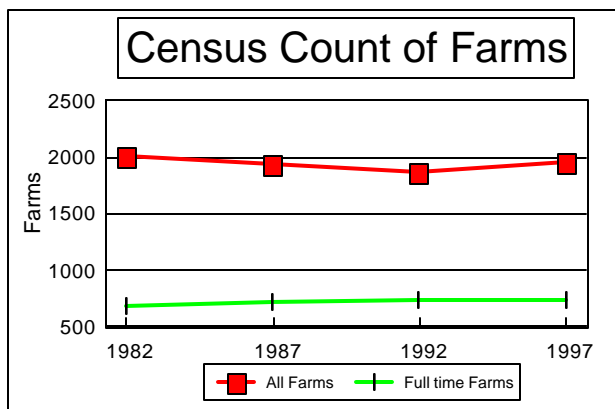
Increased 51 percent to \$68,282,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 44 percent from \$24,194 in 1992 to \$34,767 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	68,282	47	254	848	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	45,994	26	252	602	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	22,288	88	254	1,139	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	35,936	3	189	55	2,790
Cattle and calves	18,723	65	254	444	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,867	17	206	280	2,739
Corn for grain	2,414	39	160	1,048	2,582
Grain sorghum	1,960	60	208	175	1,275
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	39,146	83	254	439	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	5,510	20	242	1,201	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	25	180	418	2,200
All goats sold	2,398	37	243	44	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	2,346	44	235	412	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	58,699	94	254	479	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	4,345	43	245	862	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	7	185	149	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	3,823	30	223	296	2,884
All goat inventory	3,614	52	247	59	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	34,693	40	253	545	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	15,157	60	219	164	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	10,852	40	178	1,051	2,691
Wheat-acres	10,117	80	211	767	2,612
All nursery-acres	1,540	7	167	185	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	1,622	1,518	7
\$10,000 or more	342	354	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	54,239	38,792	40
Average per farmdollars..	27,631	20,711	33
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,968	6,962	115
Average per farmdollars..	7,625	3,717	105
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,726	1,666	4
Partnership or corporation	218	193	13
Other	20	13	54
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	735	738	-0
Other	1,229	1,134	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,715	1,650	4
Female	249	222	12
Operators by race:			
White	1,832	1,756	4
Black and other races	132	116	14
Average age of operator	57.2	56.3	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.