

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 428,068 acres in 1992 to 442,882 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 372 acres in 1992 to 365 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 537 farms in 1992 to 504 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

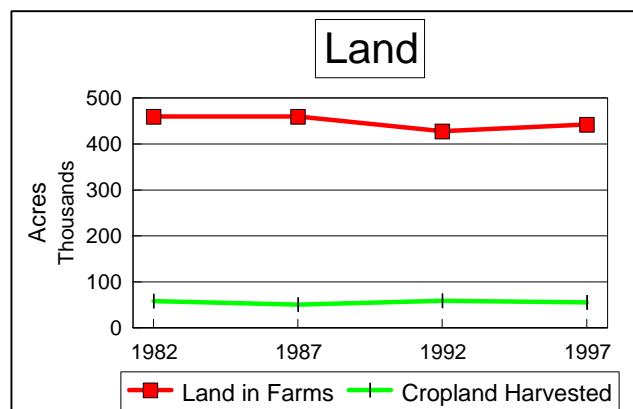
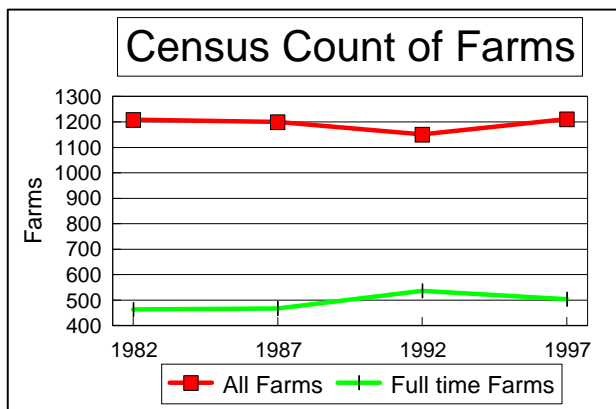
Decreased 13 percent to \$25,809,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 17 percent from \$25,707 in 1992 to \$21,295 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	25,809	135	254	1,890	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	22,753	86	254	1,123	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,055	177	252	2,366	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	19,968	59	254	407	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	42	222	790	2,901
Corn for grain	731	71	160	1,437	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	692	93	250	1,298	3,043
Cotton, cottonseed	536	103	177	459	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	22	115	437	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	48,765	53	254	303	3,063
All goats sold	413	105	243	236	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	247	30	254	257	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	226	164	242	2,363	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	26	190	443	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	91,364	34	254	174	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,705	57	223	501	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,623	38	254	318	3,066
All goat inventory	701	120	247	297	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	39,190	35	253	445	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	5,265	62	178	1,298	2,691
Wheat-acres	4,417	112	211	1,120	2,612
Cotton-acres	3,305	95	178	367	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,774	117	219	367	1,508

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	827	740	12
\$10,000 or more	385	411	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,241	27,638	-9
Average per farmdollars..	20,826	24,013	-13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(692)	2,822	-125
Average per farmdollars..	(571)	2,451	-123
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,134	1,054	8
Partnership or corporation	72	92	-22
Other	6	5	20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	504	537	-6
Other	708	614	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,101	1,058	4
Female	111	93	19
Operators by race:			
White	1,139	1,097	4
Black and other races	73	54	35
Average age of operator	57.6	58.0	-1

(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.