

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 587,316 acres in 1992 to 541,253 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 1,583 acres in 1992 to 1,432 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 210 farms in 1992 to 177 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

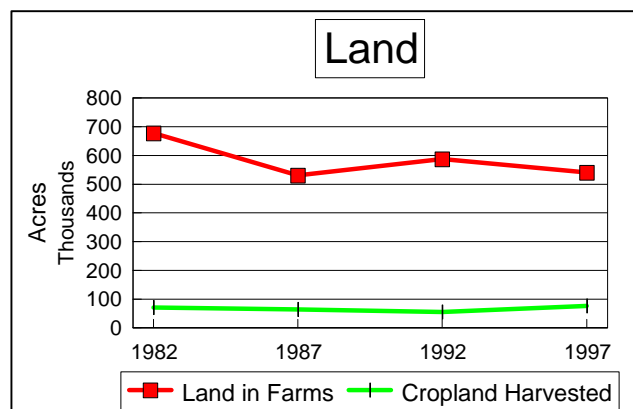
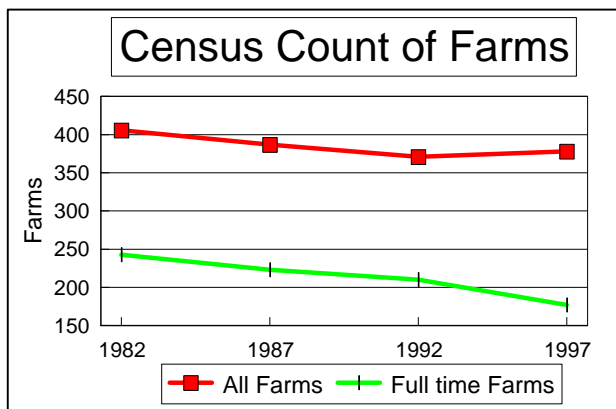
Decreased 5 percent to \$20,321,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 7 percent from \$57,781 in 1992 to \$53,758 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	20,321	161	254	2,095	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,890	93	252	1,595	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,431	190	254	2,093	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	11,842	34	177	130	709
Cattle and calves	6,938	173	254	1,194	3,063
Wheat	433	103	211	1,246	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	305	163	250	2,061	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	251	39	238	349	2,787
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	16,171	175	254	1,174	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,757	43	235	361	2,765
All goats sold	223	134	243	428	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	52	157	254	1,607	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	47	210	242	2,733	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	26,960	179	254	1,235	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	5,055	38	244	249	2,864
All goat inventory	594	132	247	376	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	433	178	254	1,788	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	74	196	246	2,581	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	60,127	28	178	57	713
Hay crops-acres	6,793	160	253	2,058	3,061
Wheat-acres	6,075	97	211	968	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,600	119	219	374	1,508
Sorghum forage, hay-acres	(D)	4	110	35	382

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	219	170	29
\$10,000 or more	159	201	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,831	15,278	-9
Average per farmdollars..	36,590	41,292	-11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,262	4,815	30
Average per farmdollars..	16,567	13,013	27
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	312	312	
Partnership or corporation	55	55	
Other	11	4	175
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	177	210	-16
Other	201	161	25
Operators by sex:			
Male	328	340	-4
Female	50	31	61
Operators by race:			
White	354	353	0
Black and other races	24	18	33
Average age of operator	56.5	54.4	4

(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.