

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



MONTAGUE TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 495,364 acres in 1992 to 493,542 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 438 acres in 1992 to 400 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 491 farms in 1992 to 483 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

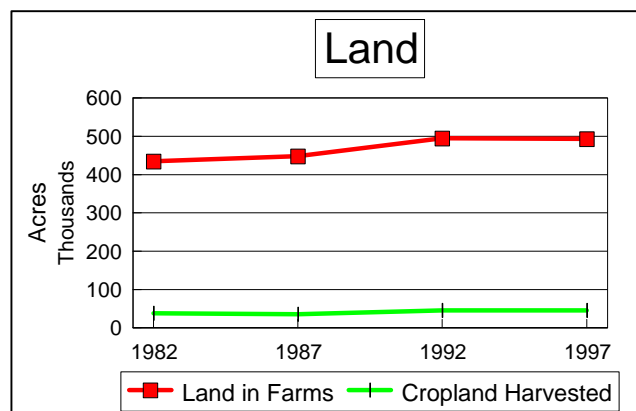
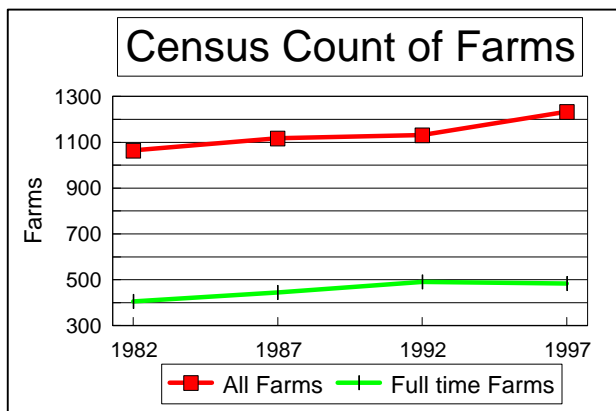
Increased 10 percent to \$29,559,000 in 1997.

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 1 percent from \$23,682 in 1992 to \$23,953 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	29,559	116	254	1,739	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	26,069	74	254	994	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,490	172	252	2,293	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	22,253	49	254	353	3,063
Dairy products	2,961	37	176	875	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,174	34	206	502	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	884	69	250	1,055	3,043
Wheat	781	84	211	1,029	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	54,865	41	254	255	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	49	146	1,013	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	592	108	242	1,991	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	554	82	180	906	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	280	25	254	206	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	80,821	54	254	238	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,487	44	254	375	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	785	79	245	1,334	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	779	95	223	792	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	589	89	246	1,818	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	32,368	45	253	609	3,061
Wheat-acres	8,794	83	211	817	2,612
Land in orchards-acres	2,172	25	236	203	2,693
Sorghum for grain-acres	1,126	145	219	493	1,508
Land used for vegetables-acres	847	37	206	498	2,741

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	800	677	18
\$10,000 or more	434	455	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,749	22,028	17
Average per farmdollars..	20,883	19,459	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,265	3,312	-1
Average per farmdollars..	2,646	2,926	-10
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,096	1,032	6
Partnership or corporation	131	97	35
Other	7	3	133
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	483	491	-2
Other	751	641	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,102	1,043	6
Female	132	89	48
Operators by race:			
White	1,211	1,121	8
Black and other races	23	11	109
Average age of operator	56.0	55.1	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.