

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 193,885 acres in 1992 to 193,375 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 21 percent from 209 acres in 1992 to 166 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Unchanged from 363 farms in 1992 to 363 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

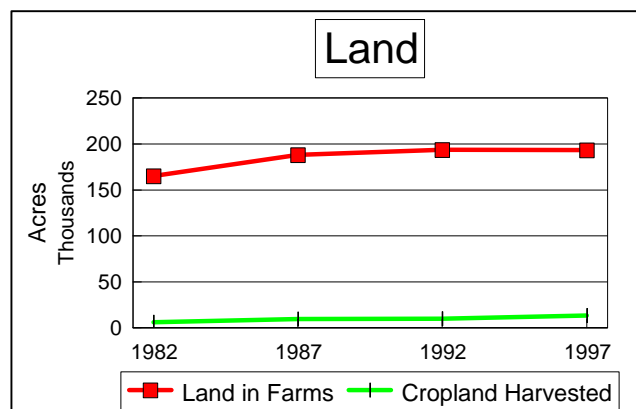
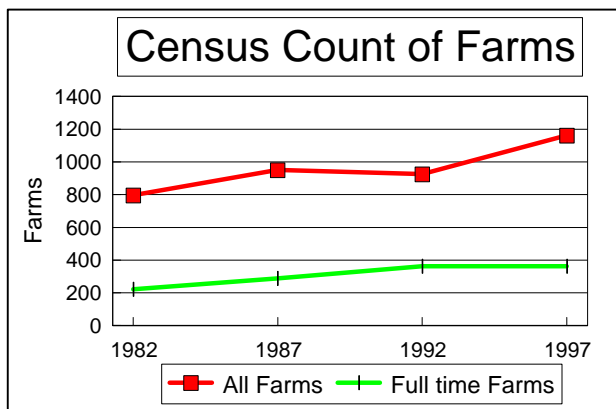
Increased 77 percent to \$15,676,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 41 percent from \$9,576 in 1992 to \$13,479 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	15,676	182	254	2,273	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,291	111	252	1,807	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,385	198	254	2,203	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,735	14	189	244	2,790
Cattle and calves	4,554	198	254	1,526	3,063
Horses and ponies	945	11	254	112	3,015
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	442	134	250	1,721	3,043
Poultry & poultry products	355	60	222	1,153	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	35,951	8	180	136	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	13,415	186	254	1,342	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	16	123	135	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	1,762	61	242	1,614	2,976
All goats sold	486	91	243	193	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	29,399	6	223	65	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	28,489	173	254	1,186	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,918	12	254	92	3,066
All goat inventory	1,964	69	247	91	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,262	54	246	1,504	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	12,613	111	253	1,455	3,061
All nursery-acres	499	20	167	530	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	199	1	95	111	1,965
Land in orchards-acres	120	150	236	955	2,693
Total herbs-acres	(D)	13	31	153	649

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 .....	959	744	29
\$10,000 or more .....	204	182	12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	14,786	9,631	54
Average per farm .....dollars..	12,714	10,401	22
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(1,141)	(282)	-305
Average per farm .....dollars..	(981)	(305)	-222
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,056	827	28
Partnership or corporation .....	98	92	7
Other .....	9	7	29
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	363	363	
Other .....	800	563	42
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	955	800	19
Female .....	208	126	65
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,121	896	25
Black and other races .....	42	30	40
Average age of operator .....	54.5	56.0	-3

(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.