

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



NEWTON TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 105 percent from 30,268 acres in 1992 to 62,108 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 56 percent from 135 acres in 1992 to 211 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 94 farms in 1992 to 98 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

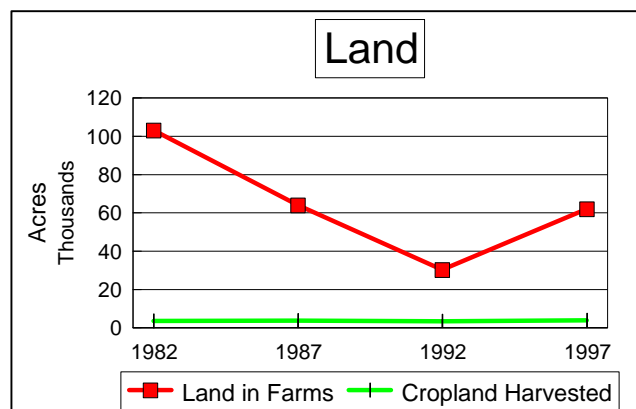
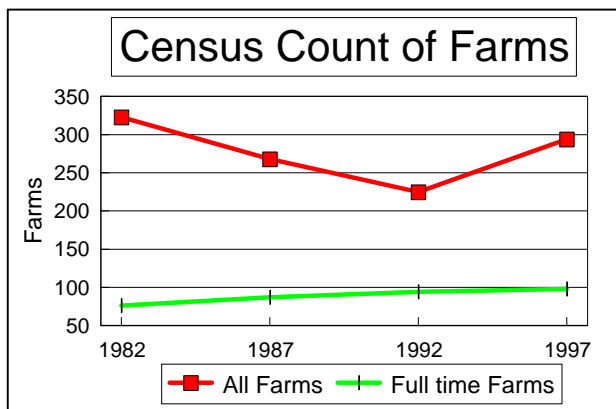
Increased 20 percent to \$1,445,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 8 percent from \$5,365 in 1992 to \$4,917 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	1,445	252	254	2,976	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,072	251	254	2,859	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	374	236	252	2,924	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,020	251	254	2,529	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	179	193	250	2,426	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	137	114	189	1,908	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	30	158	206	1,860	2,739
Horses and ponies	28	209	254	2,379	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,365	248	254	2,422	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	298	44	123	490	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	121	186	242	2,531	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	78	130	180	1,450	2,200
All goats sold	39	218	243	1,605	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,416	250	254	2,446	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	520	105	245	1,653	3,002
Rabbit inventory	400	22	170	218	2,456
All goat inventory	282	178	247	870	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	273	213	254	2,307	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	3,804	205	253	2,451	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	38	140	206	1,684	2,741
All nursery-acres	33	92	167	1,676	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	31	152	178	2,513	2,691
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	(D)	31	95	717	1,965

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	255	197	29
\$10,000 or more	39	28	39
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,803	1,883	-4
Average per farmdollars..	6,131	8,369	-27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(507)	(724)	30
Average per farmdollars..	(1,724)	(3,218)	46
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	290	211	37
Partnership or corporation	4	12	-67
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	98	94	4
Other	196	131	50
Operators by sex:			
Male	269	210	28
Female	25	15	67
Operators by race:			
White	275	208	32
Black and other races	19	17	12
Average age of operator	55.6	57.2	-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.