

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



IRION TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 656,961 acres in 1992 to 651,708 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 4,351 acres in 1992 to 4,464 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 88 farms in 1992 to 73 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

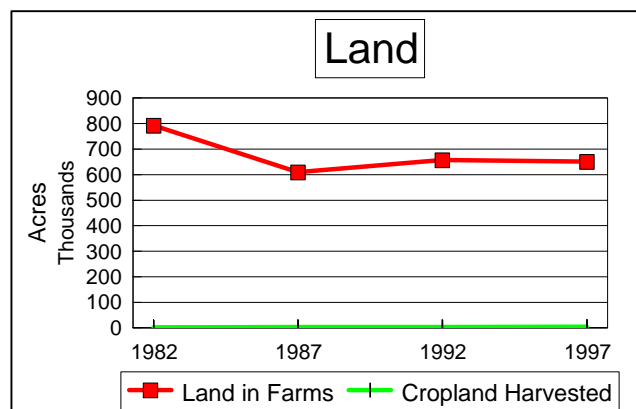
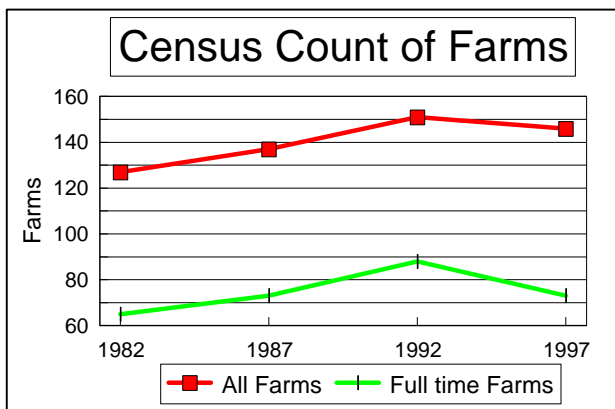
Decreased 16 percent to \$5,980,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 13 percent from \$47,276 in 1992 to \$40,960 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	5,980	232	254	2,714	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,454	213	254	2,307	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	526	228	252	2,865	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	4,011	212	254	1,634	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	1,212	21	238	100	2,787
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	120	177	524	709
Wheat	(D)	132	211	1,550	2,578
Goats other than milk and angora	131	26	242	30	2,527
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Sheep and lambs sold	14,819	21	235	88	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	8,271	221	254	1,766	3,063
All goats sold	4,528	23	243	25	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	228	242	2,860	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	11	237	254	2,702	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Sheep and lamb inventory	22,445	24	244	74	2,864
Cattle and calves inventory	17,651	212	254	1,657	3,064
All goat inventory	12,675	26	247	29	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	232	228	254	2,471	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	55	208	245	2,783	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	1,990	130	211	1,426	2,612
Hay crops-acres	1,423	233	253	2,800	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	126	178	525	713
Land in orchards-acres	244	118	236	689	2,693
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	201	219	1,019	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	71	63	13
\$10,000 or more	75	88	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,150	6,136	-16
Average per farmdollars..	35,275	40,638	-13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	594	782	-24
Average per farmdollars..	4,068	5,178	-21
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	112	118	-5
Partnership or corporation	31	31	
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	73	88	-17
Other	73	63	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	131	135	-3
Female	15	16	-6
Operators by race:			
White	139	149	-7
Black and other races	7	2	250
Average age of operator	57.0	55.4	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.