

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 54 percent from 56,975 acres in 1992 to 87,871 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 25 percent from 211 acres in 1992 to 263 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 97 farms in 1992 to 103 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

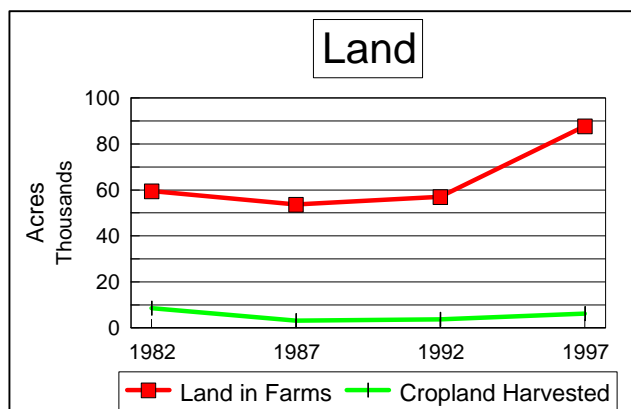
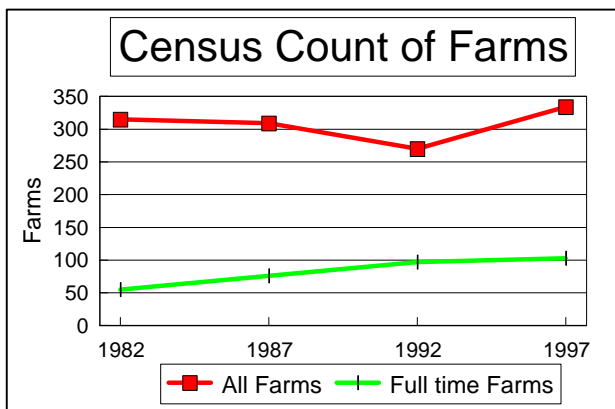
Increased 14 percent to \$3,318,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 8 percent from \$10,801 in 1992 to \$9,933 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                   | 3,318    | 242   | 254       | 2,861 | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 1,897    | 246   | 254       | 2,745 | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 1,420    | 201   | 252       | 2,623 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves   | 1,392    | 246   | 254       | 2,377 | 3,063     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | 791      | 62    | 189       | 1,092 | 2,790     |
| All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc                        | (D)      | 28    | 132       | 420   | 1,971     |
| Colonies of bees and honey                                  | 341      | 7     | 123       | 95    | 1,992     |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds                       | 123      | 208   | 250       | 2,597 | 3,043     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 4,887    | 240   | 254       | 2,188 | 3,063     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | 1,137    | 61    | 180       | 735   | 2,200     |
| Rabbits and their pelts sold                                | 909      | 22    | 123       | 218   | 1,593     |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | (D)      | 51    | 146       | 1,041 | 2,203     |
| All goats sold  | 99       | 185   | 243       | 914   | 2,686     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 10,020   | 237   | 254       | 2,145 | 3,064     |
| Colony of bees inventory                                    | 3,600    | 8     | 185       | 166   | 2,588     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | 1,488    | 66    | 223       | 544   | 2,884     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 600      | 95    | 245       | 1,540 | 3,002     |
| Rabbit inventory  | 526      | 15    | 170       | 167   | 2,456     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 4,645    | 192   | 253       | 2,329 | 3,061     |
| Rice-acres  | 1,446    | 16    | 22        | 104   | 153       |
| All nursery-acres   | 57       | 66    | 167       | 1,449 | 2,619     |
| Cut christmas trees harvested-acres                         | (D)      | 22    | 95        | 495   | 1,965     |
| Land in orchards-acres                                      | 16       | 209   | 236       | 1,974 | 2,693     |

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 .....                       | 294    | 229    | 28             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 40     | 41     | -2             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 3,476  | 3,293  | 6              |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 10,406 | 12,150 | -14            |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 288    | 544    | -47            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 862    | 2,009  | -57            |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 314    | 253    | 24             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 17     | 17     |                |
| Other .....                                    | 3      | -      |                |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 103    | 97     | 6              |
| Other .....                                    | 231    | 173    | 34             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 310    | 249    | 24             |
| Female .....                                   | 24     | 21     | 14             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 330    | 267    | 24             |
| Black and other races .....                    | 4      | 3      | 33             |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 52.8   | 53.4   | -1             |

(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.