

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 526,276 acres in 1992 to 546,870 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 816 acres in 1992 to 913 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 518 farms in 1992 to 444 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

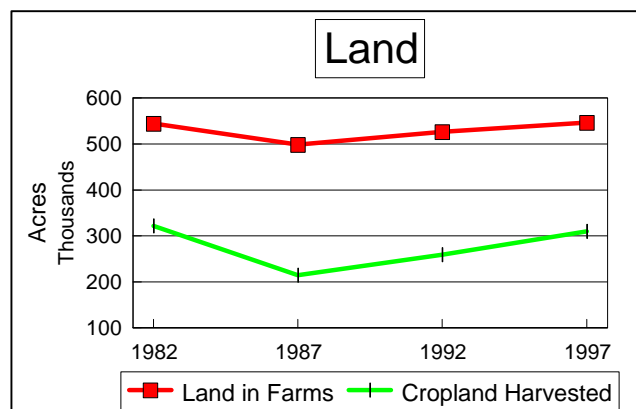
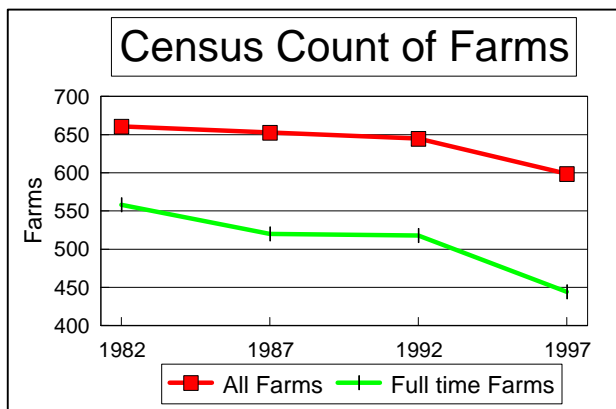
Increased 26 percent to \$550,904,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 35 percent from \$679,808 in 1992 to \$919,706 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	550,904	3	254	27	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	450,682	3	254	14	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	100,222	7	252	146	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	447,363	3	254	4	3,063
Corn for grain	39,492	3	160	112	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	29,453	16	177	47	709
Wheat	11,646	6	211	190	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	7,246	1	250	83	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	660,739	3	254	4	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	372	98	235	1,414	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	250	158	242	2,325	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	66	135	254	1,349	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	240	243	2,557	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	360,875	3	254	7	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	884	78	244	1,047	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	578	144	254	1,401	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	264	139	246	2,141	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	151	203	1,839	2,549
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	104,345	7	211	183	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	76,307	4	178	320	2,691
Cotton-acres	61,293	26	178	55	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	41,402	18	219	54	1,508
Corn for silage-acres	11,710	1	122	95	2,473

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 .....	107	85	26
\$10,000 or more .....	492	560	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	474,612	398,336	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	793,665	617,574	29
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	76,497	40,026	91
Average per farm .....dollars..	127,921	62,057	106
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	385	450	-14
Partnership or corporation .....	206	189	9
Other .....	8	6	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	444	518	-14
Other .....	155	127	22
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	560	618	-9
Female .....	39	27	44
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	590	640	-8
Black and other races .....	9	5	80
Average age of operator .....	52.7	49.3	7

(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.