

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 98,449 acres in 1992 to 94,427 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 215 acres in 1992 to 192 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased slightly from 225 farms in 1992 to 226 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

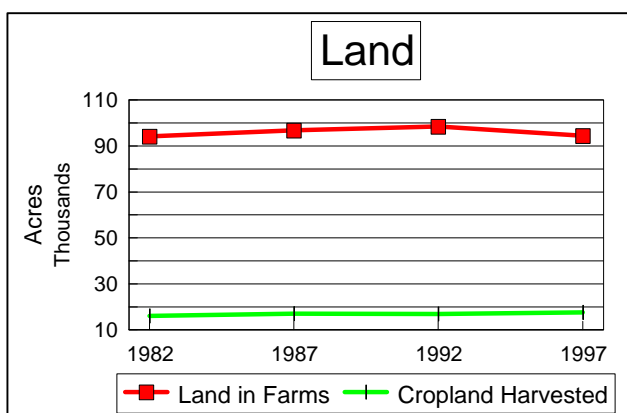
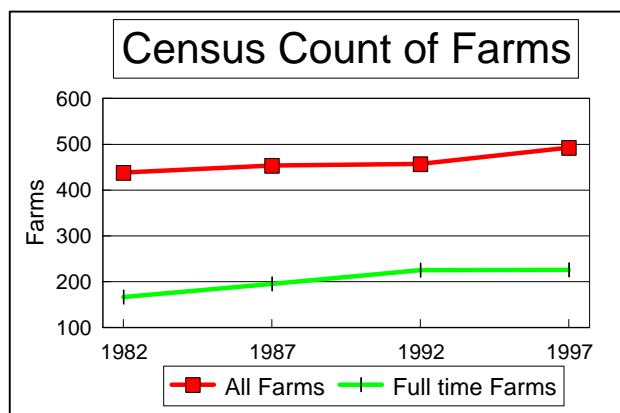
Increased 6 percent to \$15,844,000 in 1997.

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 2 percent from \$32,674 in 1992 to \$32,138 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	15,844	180	254	2,265	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,767	152	254	1,731	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,077	165	252	2,230	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	6,877	20	176	501	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,223	205	254	1,587	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,219	22	172	346	2,237
Nursery and greenhouse crops	691	66	189	1,168	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	590	52	206	690	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	12,269	193	254	1,423	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,393	24	242	1,272	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	178	45	254	422	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	116	180	1,293	2,200
All goats sold	(D)	199	243	1,174	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	24,618	188	254	1,336	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,206	29	246	1,308	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	645	138	254	1,245	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	452	113	245	1,755	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	419	126	223	1,104	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	15,783	100	253	1,265	3,061
Sweetpotatoes-acres	943	3	30	20	465
Wheat-acres	(D)	172	211	1,965	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	327	62	206	779	2,741
Sorghum for silage-acres	168	86	165	428	1,323

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	337	297	13
\$10,000 or more	156	160	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,390	11,982	-5
Average per farmdollars..	23,104	26,220	-12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,900	4,102	-5
Average per farmdollars..	7,910	8,975	-12
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	453	424	7
Partnership or corporation	36	33	9
Other	4	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	226	225	0
Other	267	232	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	453	424	7
Female	40	33	21
Operators by race:			
White	475	448	6
Black and other races	18	9	100
Average age of operator	57.0	57.5	-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.