

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



REAL TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 362,642 acres in 1992 to 377,890 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 1,687 acres in 1992 to 1,826 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 111 farms in 1992 to 93 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

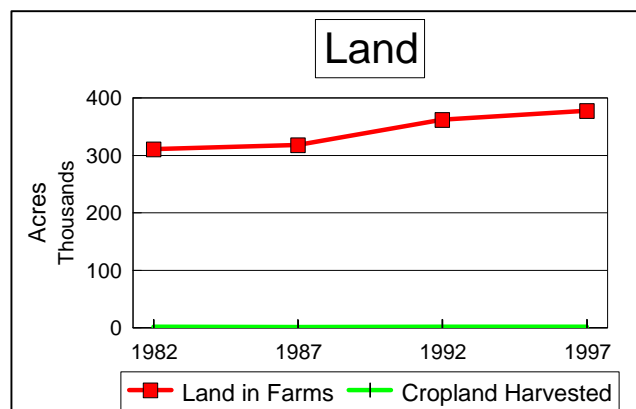
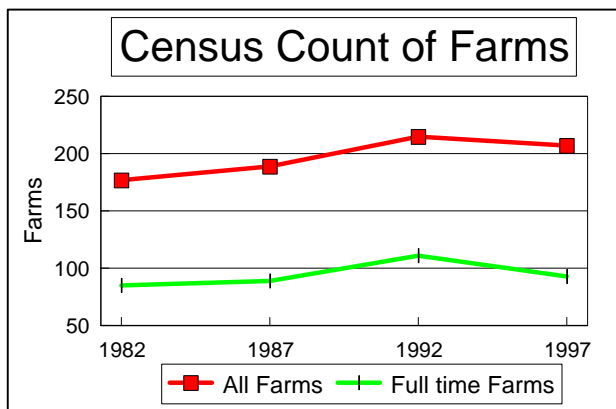
Decreased 41 percent to \$2,483,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 39 percent from \$19,555 in 1992 to \$11,994 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	2,483	246	254	2,918	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,336	241	254	2,674	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	146	246	252	3,009	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,197	248	254	2,449	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	413	33	238	251	2,787
All other livestock & products	340	9	144	108	1,649
Angora goats and mohair	177	21	119	24	1,034
Fruits, nuts, berries	86	87	212	993	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Sheep and lambs sold	6,548	30	235	186	2,765
All goats sold	3,921	28	243	31	2,686
Cattle and calves sold	3,221	251	254	2,449	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	147	242	2,256	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	123	83	254	746	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All goat inventory	20,423	17	247	17	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	9,834	30	244	153	2,864
Cattle and calves inventory	7,459	247	254	2,366	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	339	195	254	2,091	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	120	176	245	2,560	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,669	228	253	2,759	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	368	99	236	558	2,693
Peanuts-acres	(D)	92	115	306	466
Sorghum forage, hay-acres	(D)	82	110	259	382
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	209	219	1,275	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	149	144	3
\$10,000 or more	58	71	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,030	3,500	15
Average per farmdollars..	19,470	16,280	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(1,975)	651	-403
Average per farmdollars..	(9,543)	3,028	-415
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	170	183	-7
Partnership or corporation	33	28	18
Other	4	4	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	93	111	-16
Other	114	104	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	178	189	-6
Female	29	26	12
Operators by race:			
White	206	213	-3
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	60.1	59.7	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.