

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 18 percent from 667,177 acres in 1992 to 550,165 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 18 percent from 2,901 acres in 1992 to 2,392 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 121 farms in 1992 to 123 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

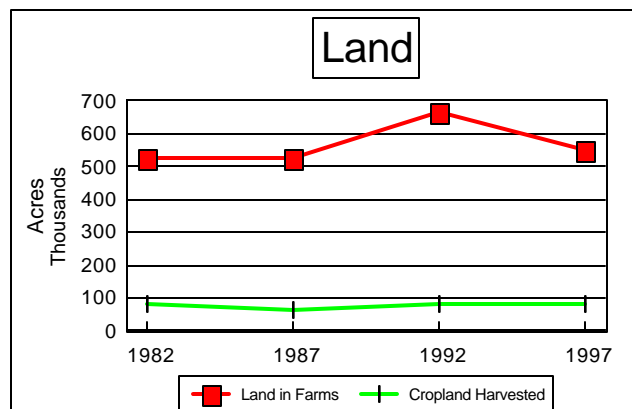
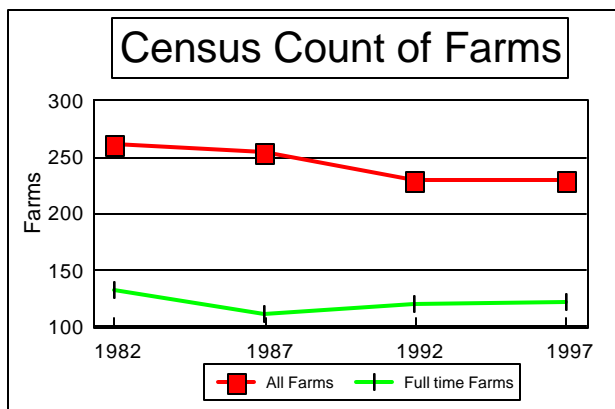
Increased 13 percent to \$23,833,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$91,688 in 1992 to \$103,622 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	23,833	143	254	1,960	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,326	78	252	1,428	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,507	188	254	2,087	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	7,674	45	177	181	709
Cattle and calves	7,480	167	254	1,137	3,063
Grain sorghum	5,987	16	208	50	1,275
Corn for grain	1,874	47	160	1,138	2,582
Soybeans	(D)	46	119	1,474	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	19,167	159	254	1,035	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	29	218	242	2,807	2,976
All goats sold	21	231	243	1,997	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	19	215	254	2,467	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	38,600	145	254	866	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	509	157	254	1,567	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	136	173	246	2,393	3,005
All goat inventory	124	217	247	1,567	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	61	205	245	2,767	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sorghum for grain-acres	39,878	21	219	59	1,508
Cotton-acres	21,044	54	178	173	713
Corn for grain-acres	10,653	42	178	1,063	2,691
Wheat-acres	(D)	121	211	1,272	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,348	38	119	1,377	2,144

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	123	111	11
\$10,000 or more	107	119	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	22,584	18,295	23
Average per farmdollars..	98,192	79,543	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,074	3,268	-67
Average per farmdollars..	4,668	14,211	-67
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	182	172	6
Partnership or corporation	45	54	-17
Other	3	4	-25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	123	121	2
Other	107	109	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	209	211	-1
Female	21	19	11
Operators by race:			
White	219	226	-3
Black and other races	11	4	175
Average age of operator	57.2	55.3	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.