

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## ROCKWALL TEXAS

### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 47,446 acres in 1992 to 46,015 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 33 percent from 258 acres in 1992 to 174 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 14 percent from 63 farms in 1992 to 72 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

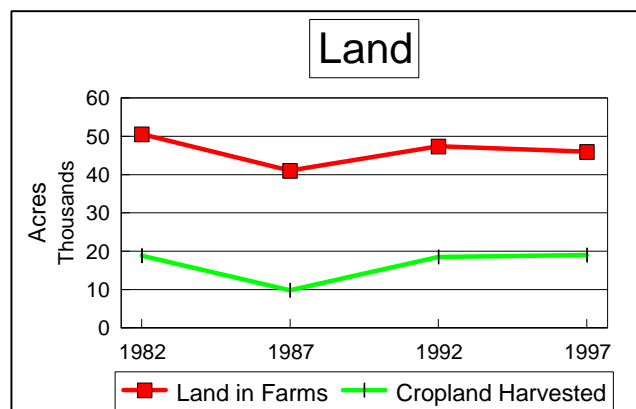
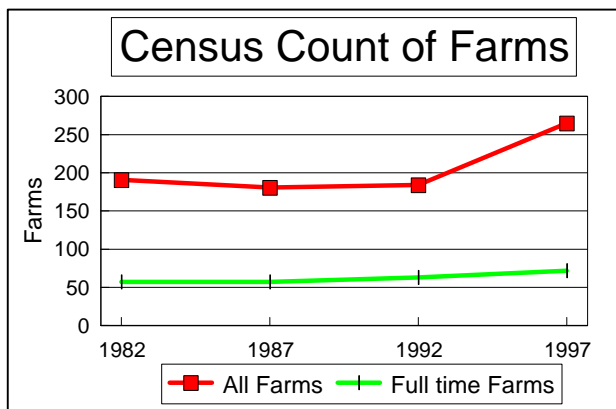
Increased 34 percent to \$3,735,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 7 percent from \$15,194 in 1992 to \$14,093 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	3,735	239	254	2,835	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	2,008	190	252	2,516	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,726	249	254	2,774	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,324	247	254	2,405	3,063
Grain sorghum	(D)	82	208	248	1,275
Wheat	822	81	211	1,001	2,578
Horses and ponies	378	44	254	389	3,015
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	137	203	250	2,549	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	3,284	250	254	2,436	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	116	153	235	1,958	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	94	104	254	980	3,015
All goats sold	47	212	243	1,488	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	114	146	1,758	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,477	249	254	2,443	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	802	110	254	997	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	255	139	245	2,178	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	173	146	244	1,929	2,864
All goat inventory	172	202	247	1,298	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	89	219	250	1,508
Wheat-acres	6,341	95	211	948	2,612
Hay crops-acres	5,245	181	253	2,246	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	139	178	571	713
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	76	165	379	1,323

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 .....	219	135	62
\$10,000 or more .....	46	49	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	4,680	3,042	54
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,659	16,532	7
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(882)	198	-545
Average per farm .....dollars..	(3,330)	1,078	-409
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	250	169	48
Partnership or corporation .....	15	15	
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	72	63	14
Other .....	193	121	60
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	234	159	47
Female .....	31	25	24
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	252	183	38
Black and other races .....	13	1	1200
Average age of operator .....	55.4	54.5	2

(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.