

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



BRAZORIA TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 563,993 acres in 1992 to 566,809 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 16 percent from 379 acres in 1992 to 318 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 575 farms in 1992 to 599 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

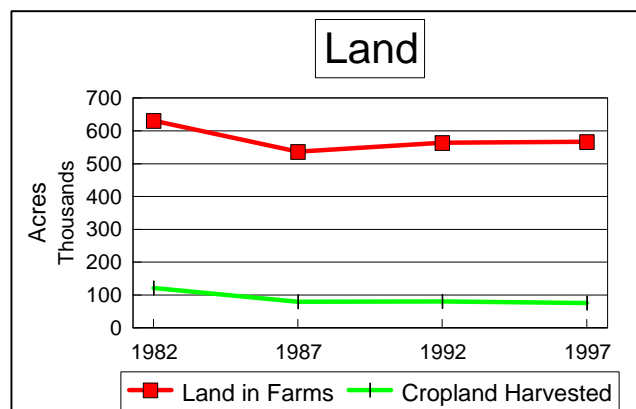
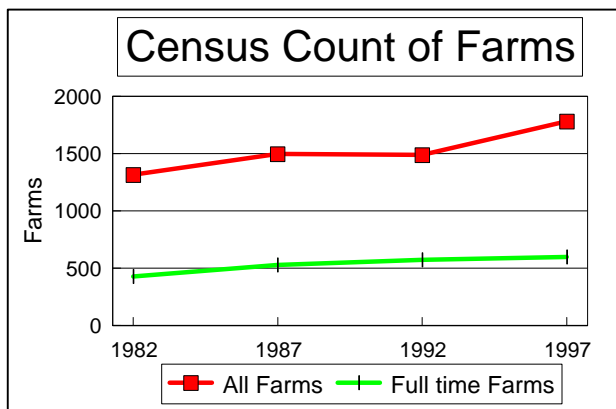
Decreased 2 percent to \$42,621,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 18 percent from \$29,087 in 1992 to \$23,904 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	42,621	83	254	1,372	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	25,097	48	252	1,088	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	17,525	113	254	1,376	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	12,245	5	132	61	1,971
Cattle and calves	11,017	125	254	822	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,813	25	189	343	2,790
Aquaculture	3,790	2	128	45	1,505
Grain sorghum	2,100	54	208	161	1,275
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	32	146	573	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	33,787	98	254	538	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,488	44	242	1,478	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,105	41	180	581	2,200
All goats sold	717	75	243	122	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	17	245	338	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	79,052	56	254	251	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	12,431	2	185	34	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	3,989	28	223	290	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,236	22	246	1,164	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	21,959	71	253	932	3,061
Rice-acres	19,111	6	22	47	153
Sorghum for grain-acres	14,807	62	219	167	1,508
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,018	12	119	1,035	2,144
Cotton-acres	7,211	75	178	288	713

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	1,381	1,075	28
\$10,000 or more	402	414	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	39,252	41,936	-6
Average per farmdollars..	22,015	28,145	-22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,444	3,323	34
Average per farmdollars..	2,493	2,230	12
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,597	1,286	24
Partnership or corporation	176	191	-8
Other	10	12	-17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	599	575	4
Other	1,184	914	30
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,600	1,347	19
Female	183	142	29
Operators by race:			
White	1,633	1,415	15
Black and other races	150	74	103
Average age of operator	52.9	52.7	0

(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.