

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



RUSK TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 268,058 acres in 1992 to 267,448 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 219 acres in 1992 to 206 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 484 farms in 1992 to 492 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

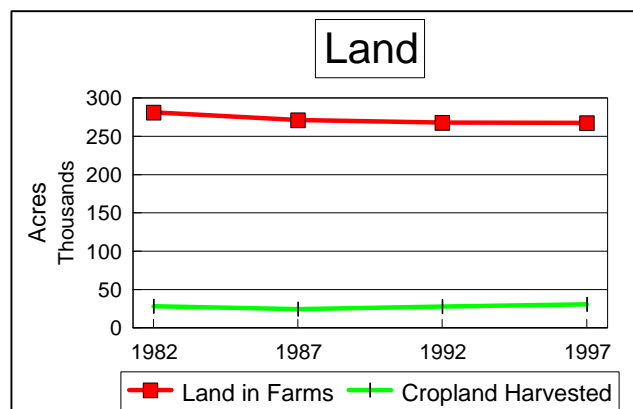
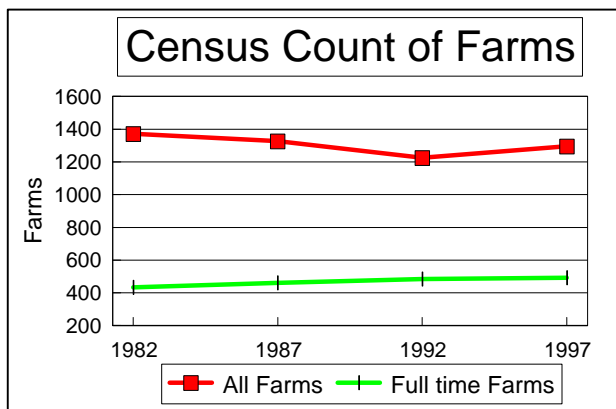
Increased 35 percent to \$29,051,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 27 percent from \$17,600 in 1992 to \$22,416 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	29,051	120	254	1,763	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	20,639	96	254	1,217	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,412	116	252	1,863	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	11,490	122	254	791	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	6,923	28	222	519	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	21	189	301	2,790
Dairy products	1,470	58	176	1,210	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	923	65	250	1,007	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3,774,133	17	115	302	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	180	138	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	29,450	115	254	652	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	41	146	803	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	711	99	242	1,921	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	826,927	16	190	261	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	57,513	98	254	492	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	33	245	670	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	7	223	78	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	976	88	254	774	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	29,337	52	253	689	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,138	29	206	422	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	179	130	236	790	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	94	134	178	2,380	2,691
Rye for grain-acres	(D)	27	42	614	1,207

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	935	847	10
\$10,000 or more	361	379	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	24,782	17,340	43
Average per farmdollars..	19,122	14,132	35
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,680	3,315	-19
Average per farmdollars..	2,068	2,702	-23
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,212	1,133	7
Partnership or corporation	78	86	-9
Other	6	7	-14
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	492	484	2
Other	804	742	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,190	1,140	4
Female	106	86	23
Operators by race:			
White	1,202	1,163	3
Black and other races	94	63	49
Average age of operator	56.4	57.2	-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.