

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



BRAZOS TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 295,601 acres in 1992 to 265,163 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 17 percent from 294 acres in 1992 to 245 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 376 farms in 1992 to 380 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

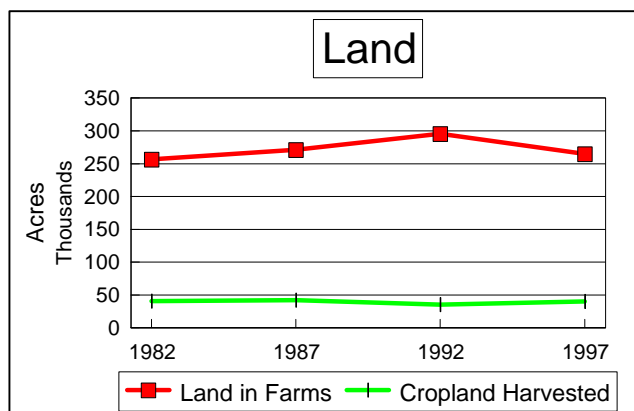
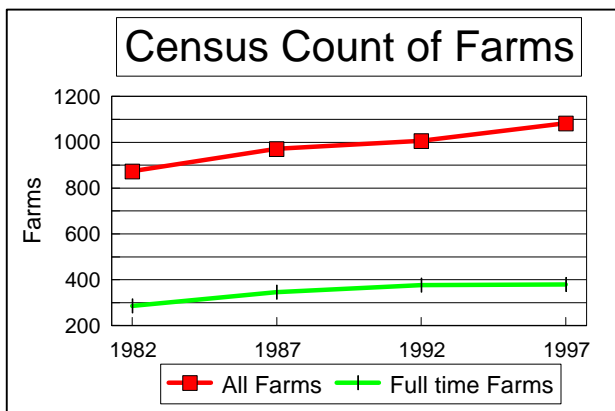
Increased 24 percent to \$41,184,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$33,058 in 1992 to \$37,992 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	41,184	87	254	1,399	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	33,413	52	254	800	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,771	121	252	1,904	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	16,369	85	254	535	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	15,774	17	222	341	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	3,083	68	177	294	709
Corn for grain	2,363	41	160	1,061	2,582
Horses and ponies	986	9	254	104	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	23	115	448	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	146	165	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	39,946	77	254	417	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,540	65	242	1,656	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,239	58	180	712	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	10	245	164	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	23	190	386	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	6	159	129	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	66,770	74	254	364	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	14	203	240	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	19,759	82	253	1,048	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	8,331	47	178	1,139	2,691
Cotton-acres	5,939	85	178	319	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	4,076	104	219	307	1,508
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,440	47	119	1,492	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	793	692	15
\$10,000 or more	291	314	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	35,484	29,005	22
Average per farmdollars..	32,734	28,832	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,371	3,721	44
Average per farmdollars..	4,955	3,699	34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	964	878	10
Partnership or corporation	107	113	-5
Other	13	15	-13
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	380	376	1
Other	704	630	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	923	888	4
Female	161	118	36
Operators by race:			
White	1,030	968	6
Black and other races	54	38	42
Average age of operator	56.6	56.5	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.