

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



SHERMAN TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 20 percent from 507,449 acres in 1992 to 607,148 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 1,845 acres in 1992 to 2,072 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 207 farms in 1992 to 205 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

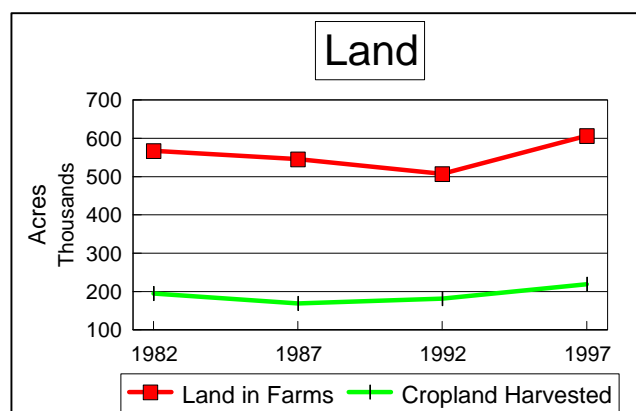
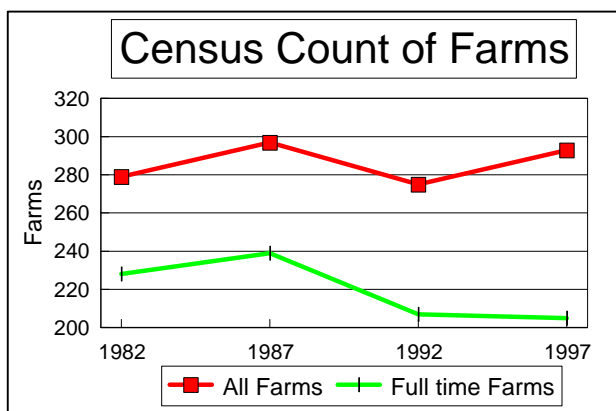
Increased 36 percent to \$295,013,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$788,413 in 1992 to \$1,006,870 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	295,013	8	254	66	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	243,822	10	254	47	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	51,191	23	252	535	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	239,138	8	254	23	3,063
Corn for grain	30,160	5	160	186	2,582
Wheat	13,231	4	211	156	2,578
Grain sorghum	4,691	26	208	74	1,275
Hogs and pigs	(D)	5	242	583	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	345,965	8	254	22	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	5	242	688	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	78	243	138	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	58	254	512	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	189,832	8	254	34	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	3	246	474	3,005
All goat inventory	1,406	86	247	137	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	236	227	254	2,455	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	188	223	2,318	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	121,942	4	211	147	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	60,227	5	178	443	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	27,961	35	219	91	1,508
Corn for silage-acres	5,312	5	122	286	2,473
Hay crops-acres	3,967	202	253	2,428	3,061

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	78	46	70
\$10,000 or more	215	229	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	239,934	182,106	32
Average per farmdollars..	818,886	662,202	24
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	53,951	35,505	52
Average per farmdollars..	184,132	129,109	43
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	206	186	11
Partnership or corporation	81	87	-7
Other	6	2	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	205	207	-1
Other	88	68	29
Operators by sex:			
Male	268	262	2
Female	25	13	92
Operators by race:			
White	285	270	6
Black and other races	8	5	60
Average age of operator	53.6	52.8	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.