

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 247,626 acres in 1992 to 250,855 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 154 acres in 1992 to 136 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 570 farms in 1992 to 578 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

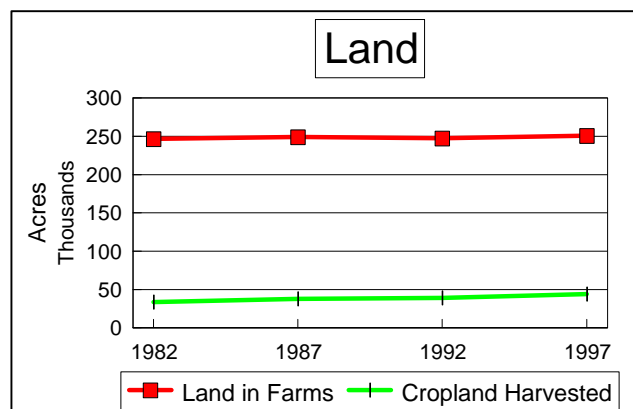
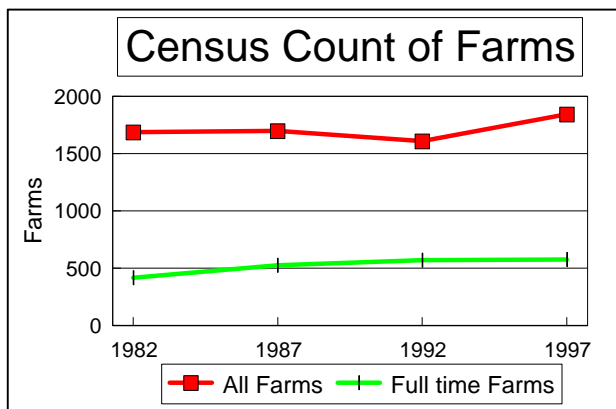
Increased 14 percent to \$38,352,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$20,936 in 1992 to \$20,798 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 | 38,352 | 96 | 254 | 1,482 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 19,925 | 58 | 252 | 1,260 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 18,427 | 106 | 254 | 1,332 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 16,255 | 7 | 189 | 134 | 2,790 |
| Cattle and calves | 11,936 | 119 | 254 | 762 | 3,063 |
| Dairy products | 5,751 | 27 | 176 | 572 | 2,563 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 2,055 | 20 | 250 | 381 | 3,043 |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons | 994 | 42 | 206 | 547 | 2,739 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 5 | 180 | 118 | 2,200 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 31,449 | 105 | 254 | 599 | 3,063 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 306 | 17 | 254 | 176 | 3,015 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 278 | 154 | 242 | 2,294 | 2,976 |
| All goats sold | 273 | 126 | 243 | 355 | 2,686 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory | (D) | 1 | 223 | 19 | 2,884 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 59,968 | 89 | 254 | 454 | 3,064 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 3,067 | 9 | 254 | 78 | 3,066 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 830 | 76 | 245 | 1,302 | 3,002 |
| All goat inventory | 715 | 118 | 247 | 289 | 2,983 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 41,511 | 31 | 253 | 402 | 3,061 |
| All nursery-acres | 883 | 11 | 167 | 337 | 2,619 |
| Land used for vegetables-acres | 807 | 40 | 206 | 513 | 2,741 |
| Land in orchards-acres | 735 | 66 | 236 | 375 | 2,693 |
| Total berries-acres | 116 | 2 | 105 | 123 | 2,058 |

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 | 1,418 | 1,168 | 21 |
| \$10,000 or more | 426 | 441 | -3 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 32,081 | 30,287 | 6 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 17,397 | 18,835 | -8 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 6,535 | 3,552 | 84 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 3,544 | 2,209 | 60 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 1,706 | 1,452 | 17 |
| Partnership or corporation | 129 | 147 | -12 |
| Other | 9 | 10 | -10 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 578 | 570 | 1 |
| Other | 1,266 | 1,039 | 22 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 1,664 | 1,473 | 13 |
| Female | 180 | 136 | 32 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 1,682 | 1,509 | 11 |
| Black and other races | 162 | 100 | 62 |
| Average age of operator | 56.4 | 56.7 | -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.