

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 62,850 acres in 1992 to 71,694 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 274 acres in 1992 to 293 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 93 farms in 1992 to 71 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

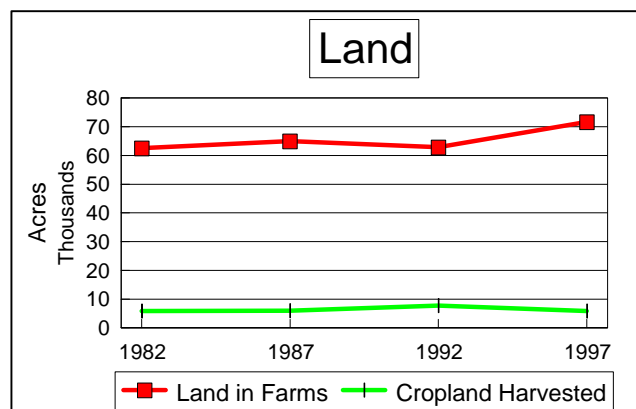
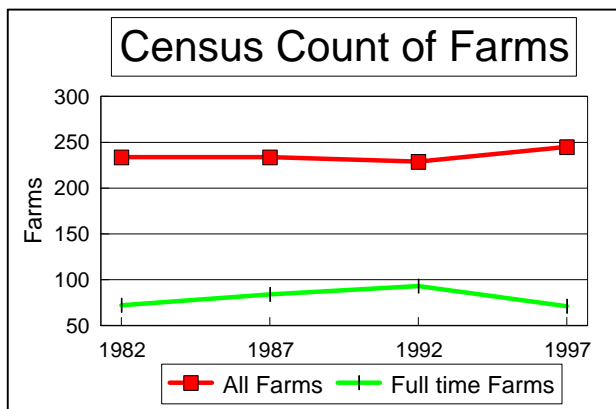
Decreased 7 percent to \$2,194,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 13 percent from \$10,266 in 1992 to \$8,955 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	2,194	247	254	2,933	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,819	248	254	2,760	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	375	235	252	2,922	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,750	243	254	2,256	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	195	191	250	2,376	3,043
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	75	93	172	942	2,237
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	143	189	2,355	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	34	155	206	1,815	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	4,587	241	254	2,229	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	108	180	1,213	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	138	181	242	2,495	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	94	160	235	2,032	2,765
All goats sold	74	194	243	1,116	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,553	244	254	2,276	3,064
All goat inventory	351	163	247	690	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	322	131	223	1,261	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	254	220	254	2,384	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	133	155	244	2,039	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,829	190	253	2,303	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	525	82	236	458	2,693
Peanuts-acres	316	64	115	230	466
Wheat-acres	180	185	211	2,174	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	90	200	219	1,005	1,508

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	188	173	9
\$10,000 or more	57	56	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,920	2,755	-30
Average per farmdollars..	7,870	12,085	-35
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(224)	305	-173
Average per farmdollars..	(920)	1,339	-169
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	231	204	13
Partnership or corporation	13	25	-48
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	71	93	-24
Other	174	136	28
Operators by sex:			
Male	223	207	8
Female	22	22	
Operators by race:			
White	243	229	6
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	54.6	56.5	-3

(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.