

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 632,622 acres in 1992 to 636,083 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 936 acres in 1992 to 1,044 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 292 farms in 1992 to 226 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

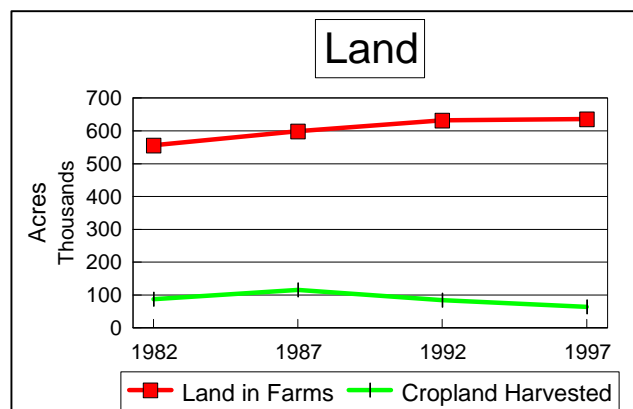
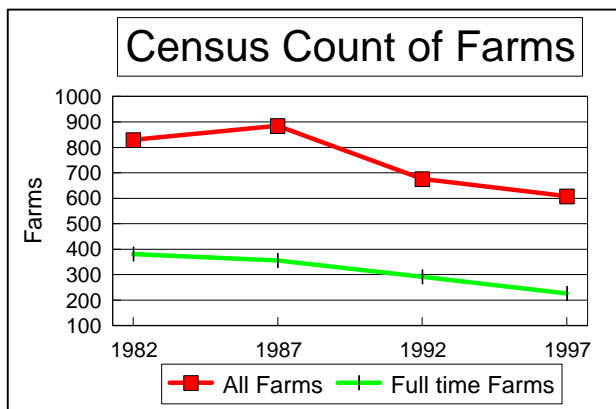
Decreased 28 percent to \$50,558,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 20 percent from \$104,037 in 1992 to \$83,019 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	50,558	65	254	1,187	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	29,412	65	254	900	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	21,147	55	252	1,219	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	29,154	36	254	252	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	13,887	3	206	82	2,739
Grain sorghum	3,961	30	208	87	1,275
Corn for grain	1,330	58	160	1,244	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	899	92	177	402	709
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	51,141	48	254	278	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	54	146	1,099	2,203
All goats sold	(D)	109	243	272	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	265	156	242	2,304	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	100	159	235	2,020	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	63,092	84	254	412	3,064
All goat inventory	579	140	247	400	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	504	108	245	1,677	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	496	160	254	1,607	3,066
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	225	27	159	468	1,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Sorghum for grain-acres	33,501	29	219	75	1,508
Hay crops-acres	10,520	127	253	1,663	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	9,288	44	178	1,108	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	6,570	3	206	103	2,741
Cotton-acres	4,591	89	178	334	713

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	435	460	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	174	216	-19
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	41,523	52,099	-20
Average per farm .....dollars..	68,295	77,070	-11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	10,075	17,236	-42
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,570	25,498	-35
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	517	585	-12
Partnership or corporation .....	88	89	-1
Other .....	4	2	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	226	292	-23
Other .....	383	384	-0
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	531	619	-14
Female .....	78	57	37
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	375	449	-16
Black and other races .....	234	227	3
Average age of operator .....	56.4	55.7	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.