

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



STEPHENS TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 536,507 acres in 1992 to 464,737 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 17 percent from 1,236 acres in 1992 to 1,024 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 207 farms in 1992 to 178 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

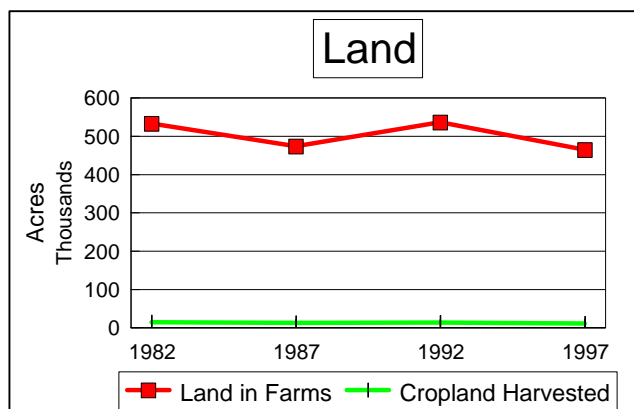
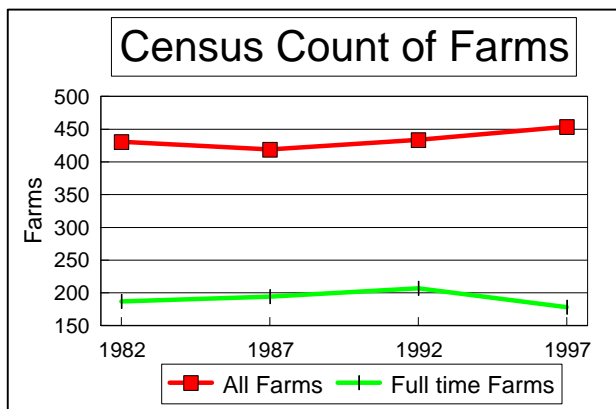
Decreased 28 percent to \$7,984,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 31 percent from \$25,517 in 1992 to \$17,586 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	7,984	218	254	2,617	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,405	191	254	2,094	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	579	227	252	2,845	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	7,230	169	254	1,156	3,063
Wheat	326	112	211	1,352	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	164	199	250	2,467	3,043
Angora goats and mohair	48	33	119	41	1,034
Cotton, cottonseed	45	147	177	620	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	17,887	167	254	1,095	3,063
All goats sold	453	99	243	214	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	301	106	235	1,513	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	121	180	1,333	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	101	191	242	2,567	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	34,889	154	254	961	3,064
All goat inventory	4,160	48	247	54	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	556	152	254	1,460	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	520	119	223	1,004	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	444	103	244	1,468	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,611	162	253	2,077	3,061
Wheat-acres	3,658	115	211	1,200	2,612
Oats-acres	321	78	185	1,186	2,332
Cotton-acres	314	142	178	585	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	274	183	219	779	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	288	250	15
\$10,000 or more	166	184	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	7,545	9,253	-18
Average per farmdollars..	16,619	21,320	-22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	193	1,323	-85
Average per farmdollars..	425	3,048	-86
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	406	399	2
Partnership or corporation	45	32	41
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	178	207	-14
Other	276	227	22
Operators by sex:			
Male	406	389	4
Female	48	45	7
Operators by race:			
White	451	428	5
Black and other races	3	6	-50
Average age of operator	59.2	58.7	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.