

1997 Census of Agriculture Profiles

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United States Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

STERLING TEXAS

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	8,531	216	254	2,586	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,360	180	254	2,007	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	171	244	252	2,998	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Sheep, lambs, and wool	4,149	7	238	26	2,787
Cattle and calves	4,095	206	254	1,611	3,063
Wheat	(D)	135	211	1,593	2,578
Goats other than milk and angora	91	33	242	41	2,527
Horses and ponies	(D)	216	254	2,451	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Sheep and lambs sold	40,512	11	235	36	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	9,366	215	254	1,665	3,063
All goats sold	2,098	41	243	48	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	15	227	254	2,591	3,015
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	23	38	367	611
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Sheep and lamb inventory	54,016	9	244	27	2,864
Cattle and calves inventory	16,410	219	254	1,732	3,064
All goat inventory	5,207	43	247	49	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	216	232	254	2,534	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	229	245	2,874	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	1,820	136	211	1,463	2,612
Hay crops-acres	905	242	253	2,886	3,061
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	82	165	406	1,323
Oats-acres	(D)	163	185	2,064	2,332
Land in orchards-acres	16	209	236	1,974	2,693

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	28	18	56
\$10,000 or more	39	56	-30
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	7,448	7,472	-0
Average per farmdollars..	111,162	100,979	10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,084	1,076	1
Average per farmdollars..	16,174	14,545	11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	44	51	-14
Partnership or corporation	18	21	-14
Other	5	2	150
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	46	58	-21
Other	21	16	31
Operators by sex:			
Male	59	69	-14
Female	8	5	60
Operators by race:			
White	67	74	-9
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	58.4	53.7	9

(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.