

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



VAN ZANDT TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 378,217 acres in 1992 to 360,888 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 170 acres in 1992 to 149 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 1,038 farms in 1992 to 968 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

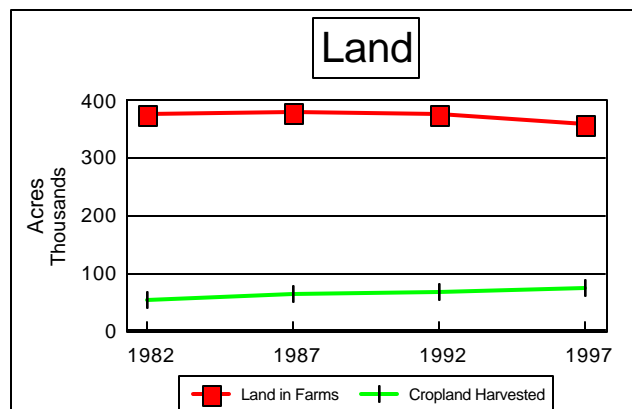
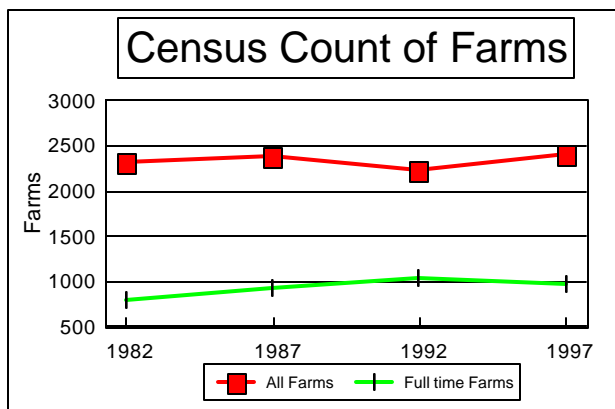
Increased 7 percent to \$55,941,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 1 percent from \$23,339 in 1992 to \$23,087 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	55,941	56	254	1,064	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	35,422	48	254	760	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	20,518	57	252	1,241	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	18,077	71	254	468	3,063
Dairy products	16,396	10	176	251	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	12,084	10	189	170	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,743	8	250	174	3,043
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,803	21	172	309	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	48,343	55	254	307	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	734	73	180	844	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	561	112	242	2,014	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	486	35	123	361	1,593
All goats sold	482	92	243	196	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	108,429	19	254	107	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,757	36	223	363	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	2,665	15	254	115	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,677	51	245	1,001	3,002
All goat inventory	1,012	96	247	195	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	67,865	3	253	133	3,061
Sweetpotatoes-acres	1,808	1	30	13	465
All nursery-acres	1,536	8	167	186	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,317	27	206	383	2,741
Cotton-acres	808	122	178	505	713

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	1,800	1,481	22
\$10,000 or more	623	749	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	51,665	47,460	9
Average per farmdollars..	21,314	21,273	0
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,996	4,865	23
Average per farmdollars..	2,474	2,181	13
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	2,275	2,059	10
Partnership or corporation	144	166	-13
Other	4	5	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	968	1,038	-7
Other	1,455	1,192	22
Operators by sex:			
Male	2,236	2,046	9
Female	187	184	2
Operators by race:			
White	2,353	2,193	7
Black and other races	70	37	89
Average age of operator	57.5	57.5	

(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.