

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## WALKER TEXAS

### Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 213,923 acres in 1992 to 183,988 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 25 percent from 296 acres in 1992 to 223 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 14 percent from 238 farms in 1992 to 272 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

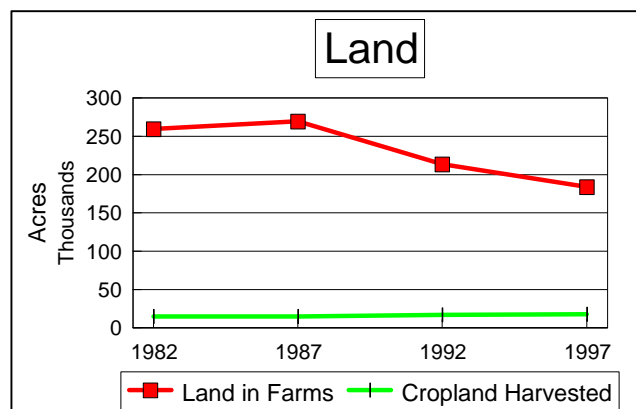
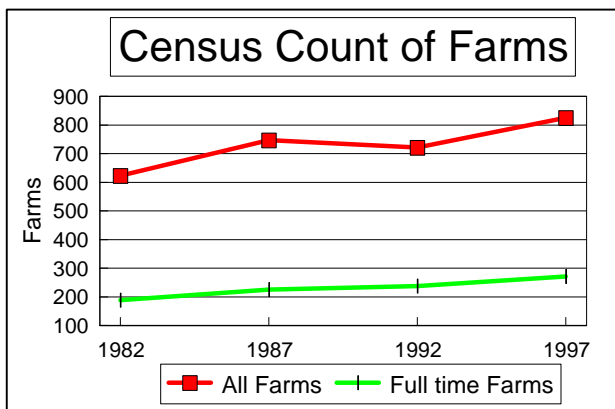
Decreased 23 percent to \$10,892,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 33 percent from \$19,625 in 1992 to \$13,186 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	10,892	205	254	2,462	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,137	184	254	2,029	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,755	181	252	2,401	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,193	179	254	1,283	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,834	47	189	725	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	1,406	45	222	885	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	104	177	460	709
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	364	148	250	1,923	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	180	55	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	31	146	549	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	16,653	172	254	1,155	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	1,951	15	123	126	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	1,837	57	242	1,596	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	25	245	531	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	35,091	153	254	953	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	4	223	54	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,085	18	246	1,086	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,729	36	254	284	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	15,155	102	253	1,299	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	95	178	1,838	2,691
Cotton-acres	(D)	115	178	486	713
All nursery-acres	222	31	167	870	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	60	177	236	1,306	2,693

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 .....	664	541	23
\$10,000 or more .....	162	181	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	13,237	11,561	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,025	16,034	-0
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(2,016)	3,222	-163
Average per farm .....dollars..	(2,440)	4,468	-155
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	750	670	12
Partnership or corporation .....	63	41	54
Other .....	13	11	18
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	272	238	14
Other .....	554	484	14
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	735	660	11
Female .....	91	62	47
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	757	686	10
Black and other races .....	69	36	92
Average age of operator .....	55.2	55.8	-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.