

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



WASHINGTON TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 328,367 acres in 1992 to 336,197 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 173 acres in 1992 to 169 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 775 farms in 1992 to 768 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

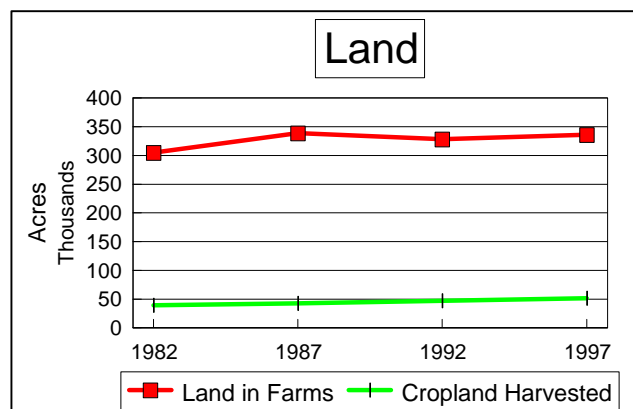
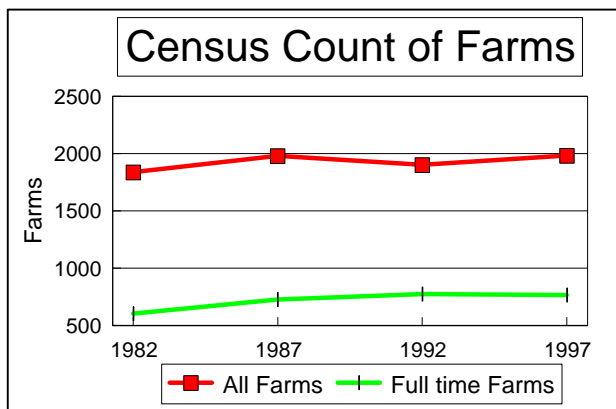
Decreased 10 percent to \$26,086,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 14 percent from \$15,275 in 1992 to \$13,135 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	26,086	132	254	1,881	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	20,792	94	254	1,207	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,294	141	252	2,097	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	14,909	95	254	604	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,681	32	189	492	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	39	222	756	2,901
Dairy products	2,249	42	176	999	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,304	45	250	686	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	18	146	407	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	43,343	68	254	367	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,012	28	242	1,310	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	40	115	844	1,882
Rabbits and their pelts sold	545	30	123	333	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	18	245	351	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	86,730	43	254	203	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,906	38	246	1,370	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,850	33	254	250	3,066
All goat inventory	1,077	95	247	186	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	48,202	18	253	296	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	1,702	134	219	428	1,508
Land in orchards-acres	787	64	236	363	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	754	101	178	1,939	2,691
Wheat-acres	(D)	164	211	1,828	2,612

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	1,557	1,419	10
\$10,000 or more	429	484	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,905	28,657	-10
Average per farmdollars..	13,044	15,051	-13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(778)	848	-192
Average per farmdollars..	(392)	446	-188
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,804	1,715	5
Partnership or corporation	167	169	-1
Other	15	19	-21
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	768	775	-1
Other	1,218	1,128	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,738	1,656	5
Female	248	247	0
Operators by race:			
White	1,916	1,843	4
Black and other races	70	60	17
Average age of operator	58.7	57.9	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.