

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 19 percent from 566,400 acres in 1992 to 458,487 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 18 percent from 1,967 acres in 1992 to 1,620 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 127 farms in 1992 to 115 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

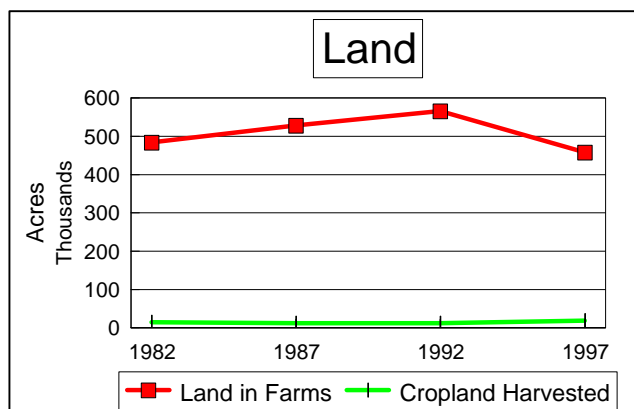
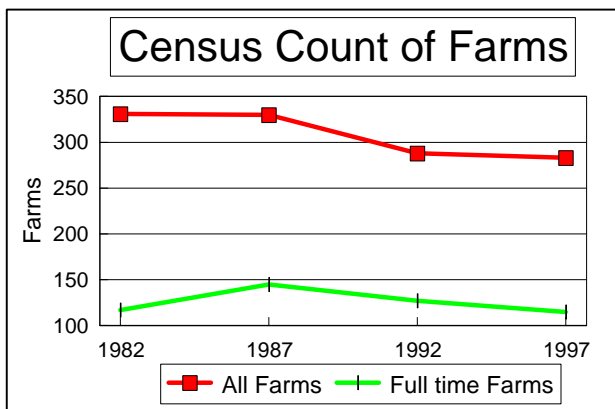
Decreased 55 percent to \$8,662,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 54 percent from \$66,118 in 1992 to \$30,607 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	8,662	215	254	2,576	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,523	187	254	2,085	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,138	206	252	2,694	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	7,077	171	254	1,175	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	436	64	206	797	2,739
Dairy products	408	98	176	1,839	2,563
Grain sorghum	(D)	117	208	389	1,275
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	178	194	250	2,427	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	16,094	176	254	1,180	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	75	180	852	2,200
All goats sold	44	213	243	1,529	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	193	235	2,388	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	25	202	254	2,299	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	28,336	174	254	1,192	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	104	223	846	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	473	166	254	1,671	3,066
All goat inventory	106	219	247	1,695	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	105	183	245	2,613	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	15,049	104	253	1,309	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	3,164	110	219	339	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	109	178	2,073	2,691
Peanuts-acres	(D)	62	115	218	466
Land used for vegetables-acres	370	58	206	743	2,741

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	219	201	9
\$10,000 or more	64	87	-26
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,464	16,742	-37
Average per farmdollars..	36,977	58,336	-37
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(1,712)	1,826	-194
Average per farmdollars..	(6,050)	6,362	-195
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	250	239	5
Partnership or corporation	30	45	-33
Other	3	4	-25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	115	127	-9
Other	168	161	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	253	252	0
Female	30	36	-17
Operators by race:			
White	209	224	-7
Black and other races	74	64	16
Average age of operator	57.4	57.5	-0

(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.