

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



WHEELER TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 501,692 acres in 1992 to 514,280 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 1,127 acres in 1992 to 1,018 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 237 farms in 1992 to 246 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

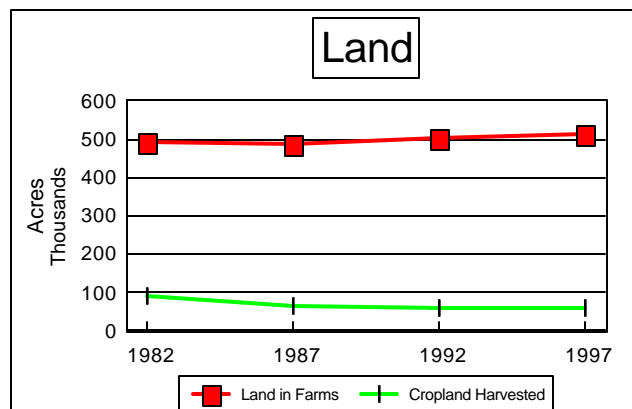
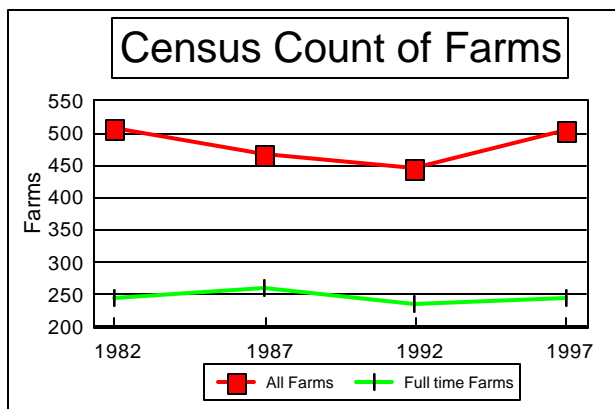
Increased 20 percent to \$80,652,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$150,597 in 1992 to \$159,706 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	80,652	37	254	699	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	76,875	24	254	293	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,777	170	252	2,264	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	76,611	17	254	78	3,063
Wheat	1,089	69	211	874	2,578
Cotton, cottonseed	809	97	177	419	709
Grain sorghum	687	88	208	279	1,275
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	503	48	172	600	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	121,638	18	254	80	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	196	170	242	2,403	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	105	180	1,183	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	79	117	254	1,175	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	83	123	911	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	91,709	33	254	171	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	696	124	254	1,161	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	308	133	223	1,285	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	203	148	245	2,299	3,002
All goat inventory	(D)	204	247	1,301	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	22,716	51	211	496	2,612
Hay crops-acres	19,831	81	253	1,045	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	9,384	81	219	220	1,508
Cotton-acres	5,529	86	178	324	713
Rye for grain-acres	3,480	1	42	4	1,207

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	268	205	31
\$10,000 or more	237	240	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	35,273	55,633	-37
Average per farmdollars..	69,848	125,017	-44
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	45,126	10,593	326
Average per farmdollars..	89,358	23,806	275
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	445	384	16
Partnership or corporation	56	53	6
Other	4	8	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	246	237	4
Other	259	208	25
Operators by sex:			
Male	452	419	8
Female	53	26	104
Operators by race:			
White	500	444	13
Black and other races	5	1	400
Average age of operator	57.9	56.0	3

(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.