

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



WICHITA TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 307,783 acres in 1992 to 338,624 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 606 acres in 1992 to 605 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 178 farms in 1992 to 195 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

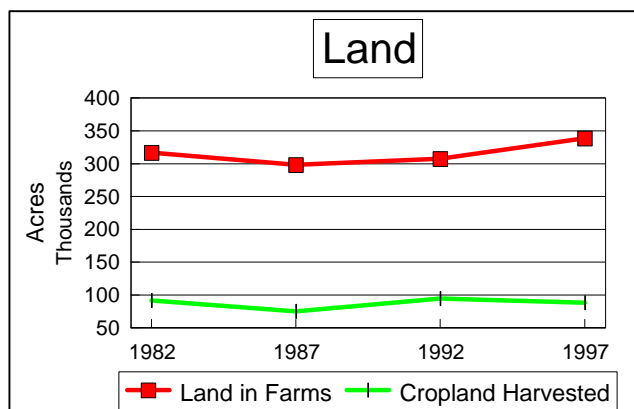
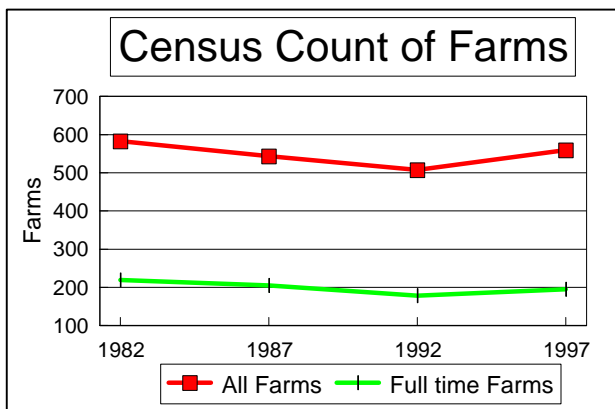
Increased 9 percent to \$21,861,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 2 percent from \$39,633 in 1992 to \$39,037 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	21,861	155	254	2,034	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	14,488	134	254	1,542	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,373	123	252	1,934	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	13,623	109	254	671	3,063
Wheat	4,676	22	211	388	2,578
Cotton, cottonseed	1,351	83	177	359	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	72	189	1,248	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	547	111	250	1,515	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	27,184	127	254	720	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,953	50	242	1,563	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	160	137	235	1,821	2,765
All goats sold	143	168	243	691	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	135	77	254	661	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	42,481	135	254	757	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,379	50	246	1,478	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	961	89	254	790	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	305	121	244	1,667	2,864
All goat inventory	297	175	247	828	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	67,490	17	211	264	2,612
Hay crops-acres	10,326	131	253	1,682	3,061
Cotton-acres	8,998	69	178	269	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	1,072	146	219	500	1,508
Oats-acres	840	44	185	728	2,332

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	378	282	34
\$10,000 or more	182	226	-19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	17,691	16,811	5
Average per farmdollars..	31,590	33,159	-5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,358	2,370	-1
Average per farmdollars..	4,212	4,674	-10
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	493	434	14
Partnership or corporation	58	72	-19
Other	9	2	350
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	195	178	10
Other	365	330	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	501	483	4
Female	59	25	136
Operators by race:			
White	544	503	8
Black and other races	16	5	220
Average age of operator	54.7	55.3	-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.