

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



WILSON TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 476,493 acres in 1992 to 445,798 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 281 acres in 1992 to 248 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 739 farms in 1992 to 675 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

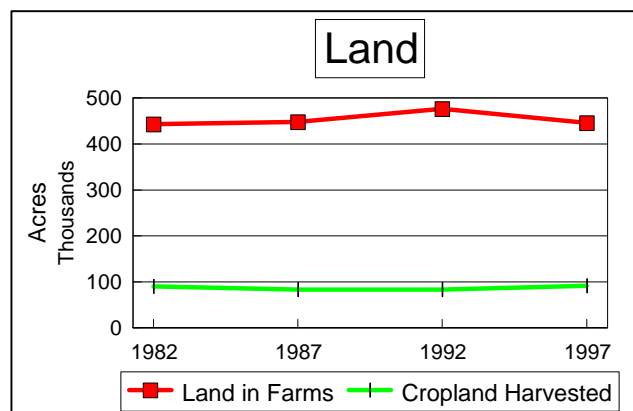
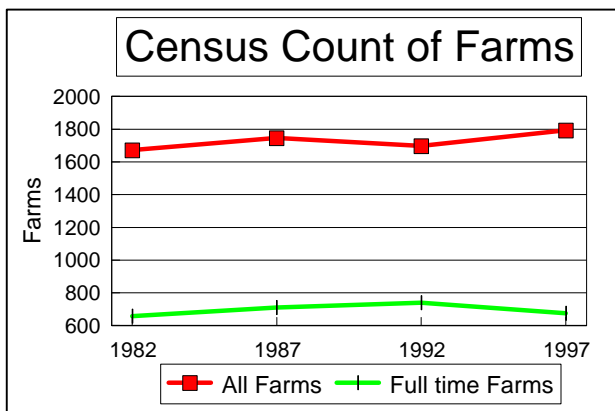
Decreased 32 percent to \$46,047,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 36 percent from \$39,948 in 1992 to \$25,667 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	46,047	73	254	1,283	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	32,128	60	254	839	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,919	87	252	1,532	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	21,264	53	254	372	3,063
Dairy products	9,270	15	176	398	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	5,671	12	172	208	2,237
Grain sorghum	2,883	45	208	130	1,275
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,347	42	250	664	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	47,766	56	254	313	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	38	146	761	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	7,869	15	242	1,085	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	2,579	10	123	98	1,593
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	39	115	831	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	87,466	42	254	199	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	35	245	709	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,482	15	246	1,053	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,393	68	223	566	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,262	59	254	522	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	42,809	27	253	369	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	21,883	47	219	122	1,508
Peanuts-acres	10,649	9	115	51	466
Corn for grain-acres	7,436	51	178	1,176	2,691
Wheat-acres	5,088	103	211	1,053	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	1,382	1,163	19
\$10,000 or more	412	535	-23
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	44,320	61,268	-28
Average per farmdollars..	24,718	36,104	-32
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,494	5,232	-71
Average per farmdollars..	833	3,083	-73
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,611	1,530	5
Partnership or corporation	172	163	6
Other	11	5	120
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	675	739	-9
Other	1,119	959	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,625	1,552	5
Female	169	146	16
Operators by race:			
White	1,728	1,649	5
Black and other races	66	49	35
Average age of operator	56.1	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.