

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



## BROWN TEXAS

### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 513,533 acres in 1992 to 516,058 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 468 acres in 1992 to 420 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 472 farms in 1992 to 522 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

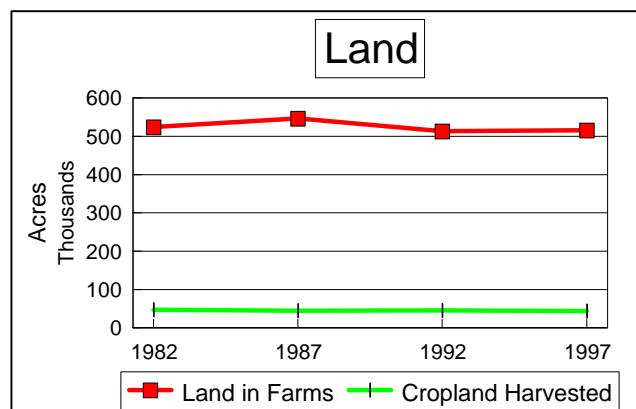
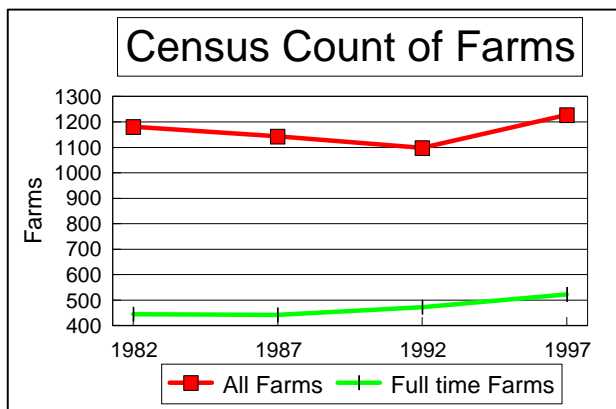
Increased 3 percent to \$32,860,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 8 percent from \$28,984 in 1992 to \$26,759 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	32,860	107	254	1,635	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	28,808	68	254	916	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,052	166	252	2,235	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	13,999	105	254	655	3,063
Dairy products	11,049	13	176	345	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	2,554	38	222	738	2,901
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	954	37	172	476	2,237
Wheat	922	74	211	944	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	244,000	12	85	174	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	6	180	119	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	34,250	97	254	528	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,336	25	242	1,277	2,976
All goats sold	3,933	27	243	30	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	8	171	106	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	63,666	82	254	407	3,064
All goat inventory	9,991	31	247	36	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	5,813	36	244	230	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,687	62	223	507	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	22,724	65	253	898	3,061
Wheat-acres	12,939	69	211	671	2,612
Peanuts-acres	2,715	23	115	105	466
Oats-acres	2,083	14	185	349	2,332
Land in orchards-acres	1,972	31	236	221	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	859	710	21
\$10,000 or more .....	369	388	-5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	28,976	27,380	6
Average per farm .....dollars..	23,596	24,914	-5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,698	2,561	44
Average per farm .....dollars..	3,012	2,330	29
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,124	986	14
Partnership or corporation .....	95	100	-5
Other .....	9	12	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	522	472	11
Other .....	706	626	13
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,116	983	14
Female .....	112	115	-3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,203	1,085	11
Black and other races .....	25	13	92
Average age of operator .....	57.5	57.2	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.