

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 563,183 acres in 1992 to 553,406 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 834 acres in 1992 to 781 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 311 farms in 1992 to 308 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

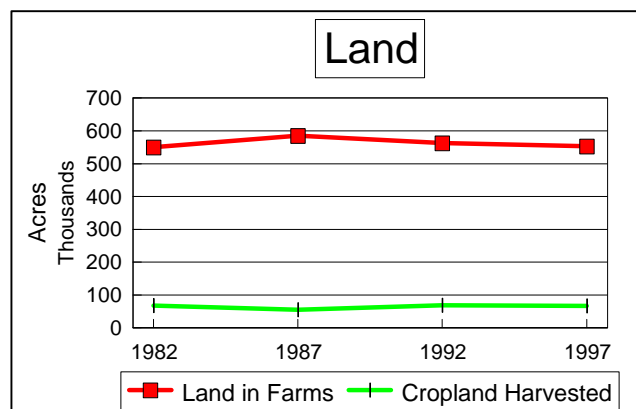
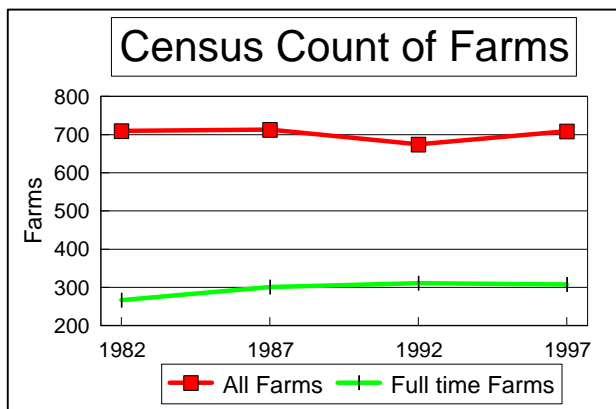
Increased 3 percent to \$23,193,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 2 percent from \$33,384 in 1992 to \$32,712 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	23,193	149	254	1,984	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	17,946	111	254	1,360	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,247	142	252	2,099	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	17,413	74	254	489	3,063
Wheat	4,063	30	211	433	2,578
Cotton, cottonseed	672	99	177	438	709
Dairy products	(D)	105	176	1,947	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	273	169	250	2,136	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	36,765	90	254	477	3,063
All goats sold	847	66	243	98	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	587	110	242	1,997	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	130	146	235	1,908	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	125	115	180	1,288	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	54,858	102	254	527	3,064
All goat inventory	1,848	71	247	99	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	680	129	254	1,186	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	627	114	223	913	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	203	155	246	2,261	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	50,872	26	211	306	2,612
Hay crops-acres	13,631	107	253	1,394	3,061
Cotton-acres	3,234	97	178	369	713
Land in orchards-acres	836	62	236	352	2,693
Sorghum for grain-acres	520	168	219	646	1,508

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 .....	412	393	5
\$10,000 or more .....	297	282	5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	19,108	20,089	-5
Average per farm .....dollars..	26,950	29,762	-9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,340	1,538	-13
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,889	2,279	-17
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	610	568	7
Partnership or corporation .....	97	98	-1
Other .....	2	9	-78
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	308	311	-1
Other .....	401	364	10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	638	611	4
Female .....	71	64	11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	704	674	4
Black and other races .....	5	1	400
Average age of operator .....	58.1	56.2	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.