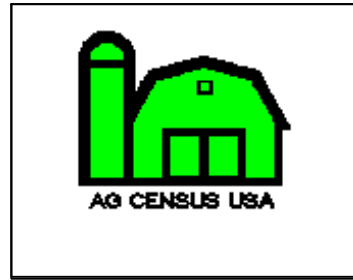


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## CHAMBERS TEXAS

### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 251,249 acres in 1992 to 241,933 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 24 percent from 752 acres in 1992 to 575 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 191 farms in 1992 to 185 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

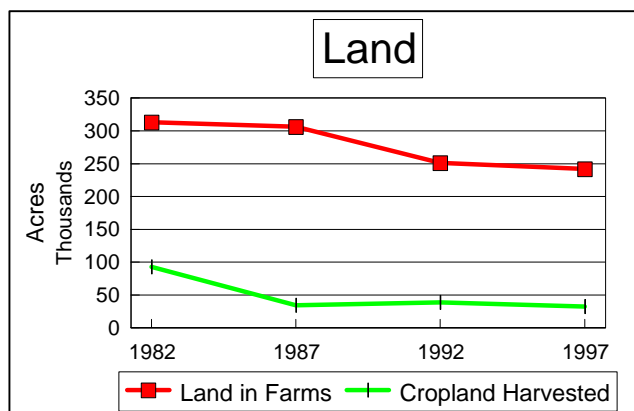
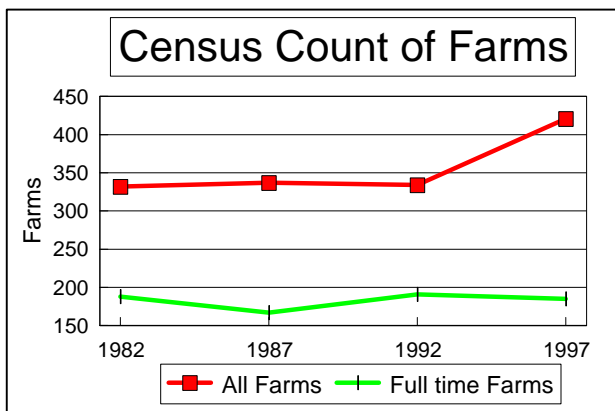
Increased 5 percent to \$15,702,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 16 percent from \$44,656 in 1992 to \$37,296 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	15,702	181	254	2,272	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	11,599	98	252	1,663	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,102	224	254	2,451	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	9,972	7	132	77	1,971
Cattle and calves	3,576	217	254	1,729	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	784	63	189	1,097	2,790
Soybeans	559	30	119	1,306	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	156	201	250	2,490	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	25,230	11	180	166	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	13,081	188	254	1,362	3,063
All goats sold	197	144	243	488	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	165	176	242	2,454	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	63	115	1,378	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	25,777	185	254	1,283	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	14,091	9	223	121	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	2,673	14	185	231	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	711	121	254	1,141	3,066
All goat inventory	244	186	247	985	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Rice-acres	20,982	5	22	44	153
Hay crops-acres	7,632	149	253	1,945	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,465	27	119	1,279	2,144
Sorghum for grain-acres	976	148	219	515	1,508
Wheat-acres	(D)	167	211	1,875	2,612

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 .....	256	162	58
\$10,000 or more .....	165	172	-4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	12,231	11,474	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	29,053	34,354	-15
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,908	665	187
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,532	1,991	128
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	360	262	37
Partnership or corporation .....	58	70	-17
Other .....	3	2	50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	185	191	-3
Other .....	236	143	65
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	397	315	26
Female .....	24	19	26
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	395	326	21
Black and other races .....	26	8	225
Average age of operator .....	52.8	52.5	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.