

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 449,972 acres in 1992 to 393,162 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 21 percent from 1,751 acres in 1992 to 1,384 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 158 farms in 1992 to 147 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

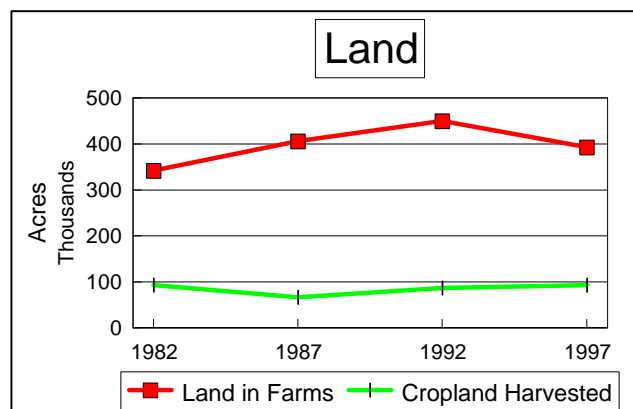
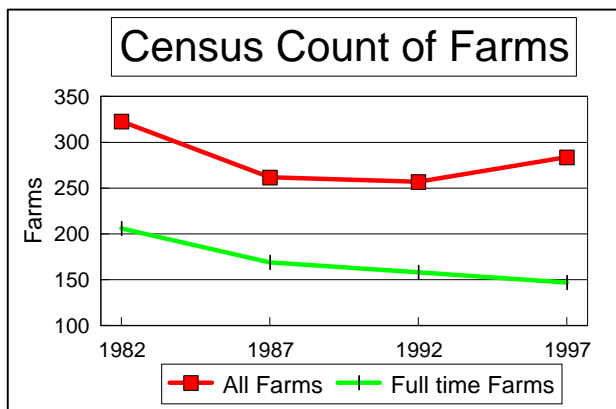
Decreased 2 percent to \$19,256,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 12 percent from \$76,817 in 1992 to \$67,802 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	19,256	168	254	2,137	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	13,714	89	252	1,549	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,542	212	254	2,295	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	10,222	37	177	145	709
Cattle and calves	5,488	190	254	1,396	3,063
Wheat	(D)	51	211	648	2,578
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	735	43	172	524	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	103	250	1,430	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	10,975	203	254	1,531	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	136	242	2,188	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	215	243	1,584	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	14	230	254	2,617	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	164	180	2,073	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	19,359	205	254	1,567	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	69	246	1,676	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	280	209	254	2,273	3,066
All goat inventory	(D)	212	247	1,413	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	186	245	2,647	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	44,010	36	178	79	713
Wheat-acres	35,504	39	211	391	2,612
Hay crops-acres	10,429	130	253	1,672	3,061
Peanuts-acres	2,788	20	115	99	466
Sorghum forage, hay-acres	(D)	5	110	41	382

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	142	94	51
\$10,000 or more	142	163	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,410	14,055	3
Average per farmdollars..	50,740	54,902	-8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,650	5,585	1
Average per farmdollars..	19,895	21,816	-9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	226	199	14
Partnership or corporation	53	55	-4
Other	5	3	67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	147	158	-7
Other	137	99	38
Operators by sex:			
Male	243	229	6
Female	41	28	46
Operators by race:			
White	283	255	11
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	58.5	56.2	4

(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.