

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



CLAY TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 670,459 acres in 1992 to 603,652 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 830 acres in 1992 to 738 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 404 farms in 1992 to 385 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

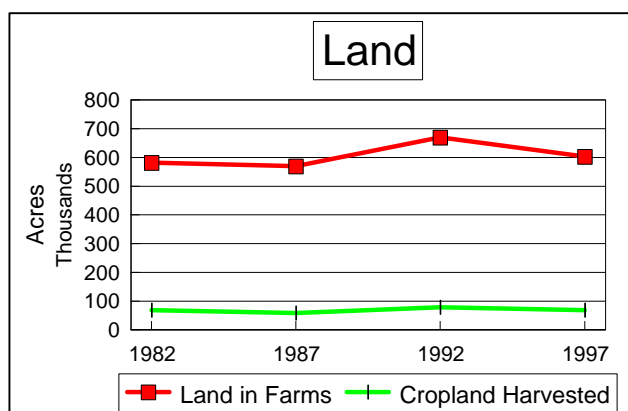
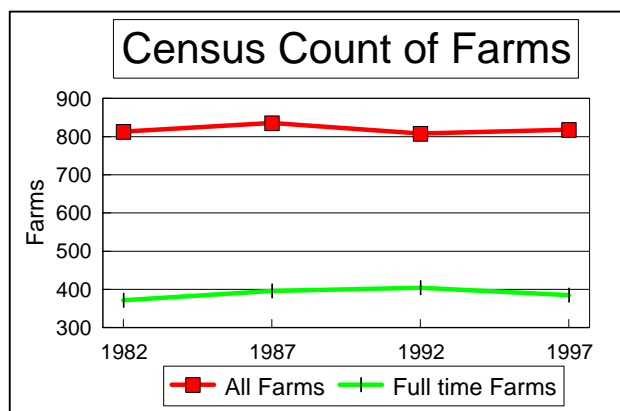
Decreased 18 percent to \$37,592,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 19 percent from \$56,914 in 1992 to \$45,956 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	37,592	98	254	1,502	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	32,678	57	254	823	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,913	148	252	2,133	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	25,163	43	254	307	3,063
Dairy products	6,967	19	176	494	2,563
Wheat	3,055	37	211	528	2,578
Horses and ponies	497	31	254	276	3,015
Cotton, cottonseed	455	108	177	472	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	55,269	40	254	252	3,063
All goats sold	230	132	243	419	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	196	40	254	368	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	101	157	235	2,017	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	94	194	242	2,586	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	92,090	30	254	166	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,023	80	254	717	3,066
All goat inventory	814	109	247	250	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	637	113	223	903	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	173	157	245	2,387	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	40,737	32	211	347	2,612
Hay crops-acres	21,817	72	253	942	3,061
Cotton-acres	2,869	99	178	382	713
Land in orchards-acres	1,607	41	236	252	2,693
Sorghum for grain-acres	927	154	219	526	1,508

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	421	384	10
\$10,000 or more	397	424	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	33,752	39,386	-14
Average per farmdollars..	41,211	48,745	-15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,979	5,659	-30
Average per farmdollars..	4,859	7,004	-31
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	718	680	6
Partnership or corporation	97	112	-13
Other	3	16	-81
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	385	404	-5
Other	433	404	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	737	732	1
Female	81	76	7
Operators by race:			
White	814	806	1
Black and other races	4	2	100
Average age of operator	56.2	55.4	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.