

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



COMAL TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 207,350 acres in 1992 to 183,241 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 17 percent from 336 acres in 1992 to 279 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 258 farms in 1992 to 264 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

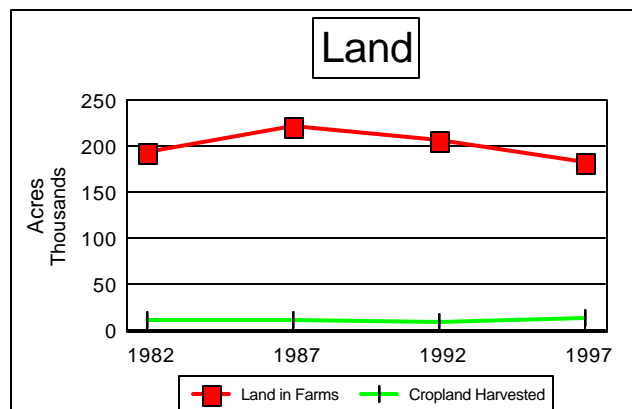
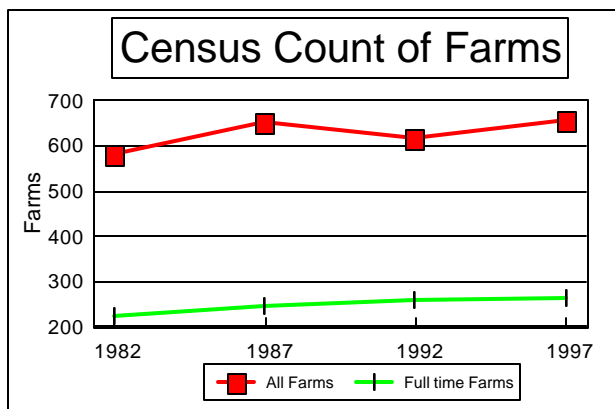
Increased 4 percent to \$5,166,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 2 percent from \$8,024 in 1992 to \$7,863 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	5,166	234	254	2,752	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,492	231	254	2,518	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,673	197	252	2,569	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,144	234	254	2,108	3,063
All other livestock & products	(D)	4	144	65	1,649
Nursery and greenhouse crops	621	70	189	1,222	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	349	151	250	1,956	3,043
Corn for grain	304	93	160	1,712	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	12	180	183	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	5,527	233	254	2,089	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	40	242	1,428	2,976
All goats sold	2,556	36	243	43	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	1,737	50	235	531	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,584	225	254	1,875	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	9,630	15	223	159	2,884
All goat inventory	6,524	38	247	44	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,795	49	244	407	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,005	68	245	1,198	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,229	137	253	1,786	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	1,570	136	219	440	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	1,261	92	178	1,785	2,691
Wheat-acres	974	151	211	1,666	2,612
Land in orchards-acres	177	131	236	794	2,693

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	546	495	10
\$10,000 or more	111	122	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,589	4,817	16
Average per farmdollars..	8,507	7,781	9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(1,355)	(288)	-370
Average per farmdollars..	(2,063)	(466)	-343
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	597	561	6
Partnership or corporation	57	54	6
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	264	258	2
Other	393	359	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	570	525	9
Female	87	92	-5
Operators by race:			
White	644	610	6
Black and other races	13	7	86
Average age of operator	58.3	58.8	-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.