

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



DAWSON TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 553,047 acres in 1992 to 605,260 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 1,189 acres in 1992 to 1,038 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 8 percent from 371 farms in 1992 to 402 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

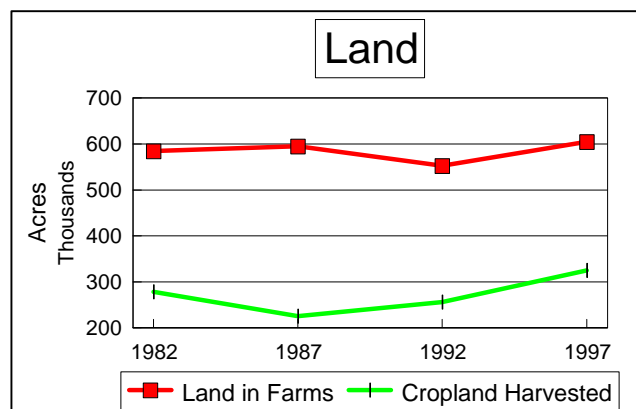
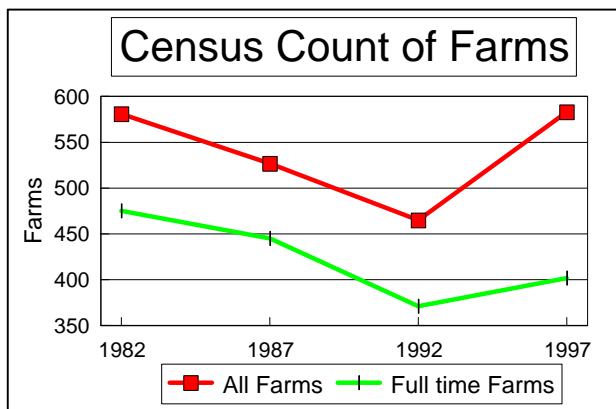
Increased 83 percent to \$89,602,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 46 percent from \$105,570 in 1992 to \$153,691 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	89,602	32	254	605	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	86,848	11	252	195	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,754	238	254	2,615	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	67,304	4	177	13	709
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	16,081	4	172	90	2,237
Cattle and calves	2,684	226	254	1,932	3,063
Grain sorghum	1,858	61	208	181	1,275
Fruits, nuts, berries	403	27	212	505	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,656	232	254	2,066	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	179	132	235	1,776	2,765
All goats sold	76	193	243	1,097	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	53	206	242	2,716	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	27	198	254	2,227	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,452	245	254	2,283	3,064
All goat inventory	434	150	247	563	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	277	125	244	1,707	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	148	244	254	2,724	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	117	179	245	2,571	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	274,472	3	178	4	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	21,418	49	219	126	1,508
Peanuts-acres	20,250	3	115	17	466
Wheat-acres	2,930	123	211	1,281	2,612
Hay crops-acres	2,481	216	253	2,639	3,061

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	183	73	151
\$10,000 or more	400	392	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	60,350	35,243	71
Average per farmdollars..	103,694	75,792	37
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	28,157	14,277	97
Average per farmdollars..	48,380	30,703	58
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	429	370	16
Partnership or corporation	139	88	58
Other	15	7	114
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	402	371	8
Other	181	94	93
Operators by sex:			
Male	517	447	16
Female	66	18	267
Operators by race:			
White	572	460	24
Black and other races	11	5	120
Average age of operator	55.9	51.1	9

(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.