

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



## DEAF SMITH TEXAS

### Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 856,707 acres in 1992 to 879,692 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 1,343 acres in 1992 to 1,360 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 465 farms in 1992 to 434 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

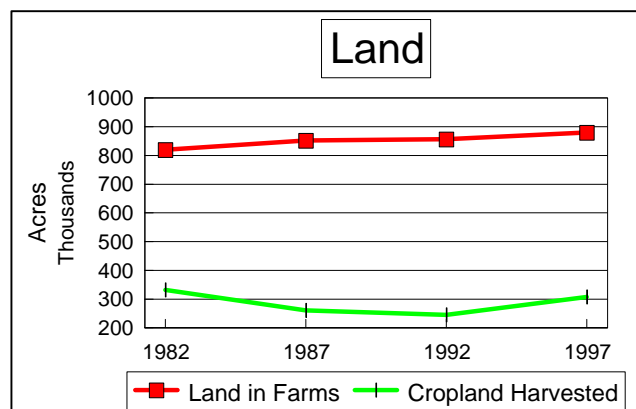
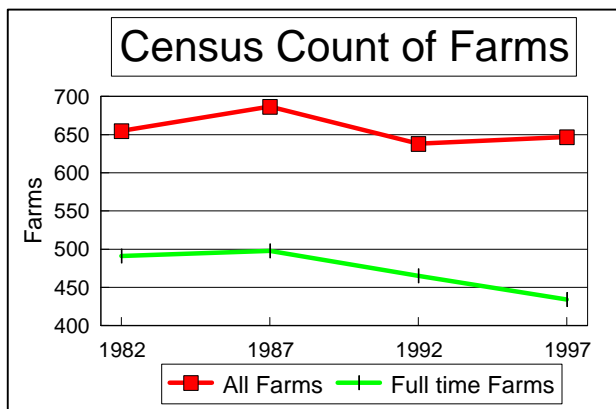
Increased 2 percent to \$656,636,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

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

Increased slightly from \$1,011,018 in 1992 to \$1,014,894 in 1997.



# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

## DEAF SMITH TEXAS

### 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	656,636	2	254	23	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	602,612	1	254	10	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	54,024	21	252	486	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	600,064	1	254	2	3,063
Wheat	15,602	2	211	122	2,578
Corn for grain	14,409	10	160	450	2,582
Grain sorghum	10,080	7	208	19	1,275
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,802	3	250	118	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	898,151	1	254	2	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,663	43	242	1,454	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	921	64	235	852	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	49	123	523	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	57	147	254	1,513	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	521,903	1	254	3	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	694	87	244	1,194	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	600	140	254	1,334	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	313	128	246	2,056	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	277	137	245	2,125	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	150,404	2	211	107	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	77,120	8	219	17	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	31,885	16	178	653	2,691
Hay crops-acres	23,215	64	253	882	3,061
Cotton-acres	10,706	67	178	252	713

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 .....	186	135	38
\$10,000 or more .....	461	503	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	577,521	590,396	-2
Average per farm .....dollars..	893,996	923,938	-3
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	80,288	52,737	52
Average per farm .....dollars..	124,285	82,531	51
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	460	465	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	176	161	9
Other .....	11	12	-8
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	434	465	-7
Other .....	213	173	23
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	583	600	-3
Female .....	64	38	68
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	639	615	4
Black and other races .....	8	23	-65
Average age of operator .....	54.2	51.5	5

(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.