

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 12 percent from 107,565 acres in 1992 to 120,136 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 288 acres in 1992 to 287 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 158 farms in 1992 to 157 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

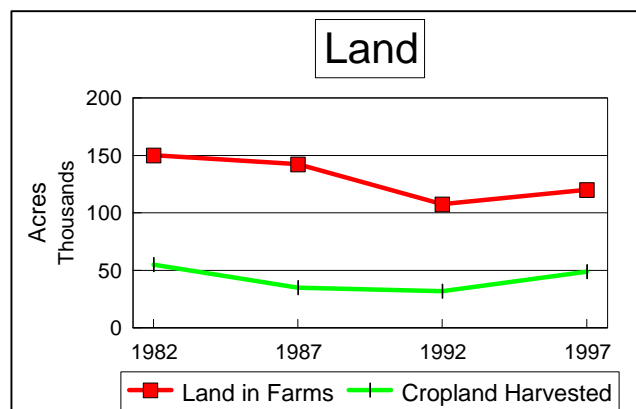
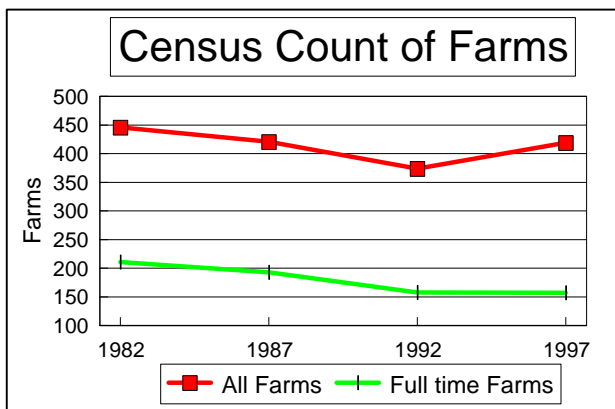
Increased 36 percent to \$11,584,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$22,810 in 1992 to \$27,647 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	11,584	201	254	2,431	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,185	134	252	2,021	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,399	214	254	2,314	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	4,033	209	254	1,626	3,063
Soybeans	3,533	4	119	829	2,136
Dairy products	1,224	63	176	1,311	2,563
Wheat	682	86	211	1,084	2,578
Corn for grain	658	75	160	1,479	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	9,853	210	254	1,622	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	157	235	2,017	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	44	165	254	1,786	3,015
All goats sold	37	220	243	1,629	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	158	180	1,954	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	19,456	204	254	1,563	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	396	185	254	1,891	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	148	154	244	1,995	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	118	177	245	2,565	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	90	169	223	2,041	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	18,818	5	119	806	2,144
Hay crops-acres	16,599	94	253	1,220	3,061
Wheat-acres	4,790	106	211	1,079	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	2,920	72	178	1,523	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,110	127	219	403	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	292	239	22
\$10,000 or more	127	135	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,694	8,223	6
Average per farmdollars..	20,750	21,987	-6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,942	614	216
Average per farmdollars..	4,635	1,643	182
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	397	344	15
Partnership or corporation	20	27	-26
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	157	158	-1
Other	262	216	21
Operators by sex:			
Male	385	350	10
Female	34	24	42
Operators by race:			
White	414	371	12
Black and other races	5	3	67
Average age of operator	54.5	55.0	-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.