

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 561,521 acres in 1992 to 532,948 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 30 percent from 2,080 acres in 1992 to 1,456 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 15 percent from 152 farms in 1992 to 175 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

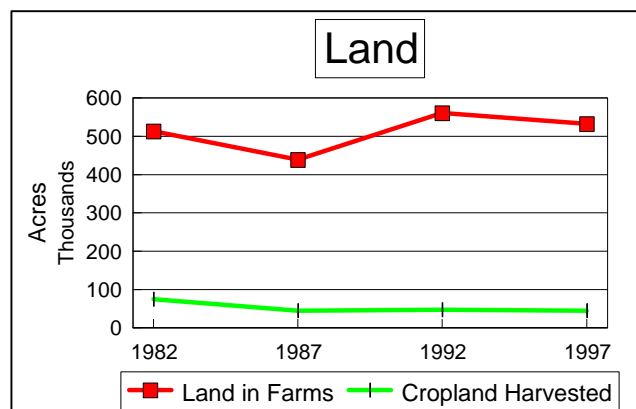
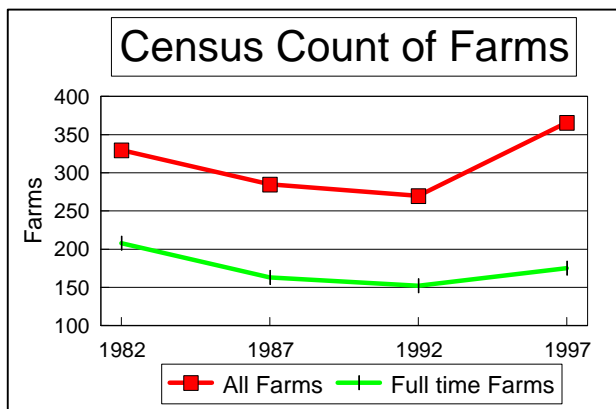
Increased 17 percent to \$14,144,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 13 percent from \$44,591 in 1992 to \$38,645 in 1997.



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#### 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	14,144	188	254	2,338	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,583	186	254	2,081	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,561	129	252	1,986	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	7,052	172	254	1,178	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	5,637	56	177	229	709
Wheat	410	105	211	1,269	2,578
Horses and ponies	353	45	254	426	3,015
Grain sorghum	(D)	121	208	403	1,275
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	14,815	182	254	1,255	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	16	180	313	2,200
All goats sold	(D)	74	243	121	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	189	127	235	1,745	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	108	91	254	851	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	27,444	178	254	1,220	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	12	223	144	2,884
All goat inventory	(D)	81	247	126	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	629	139	254	1,274	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	175	143	244	1,922	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Cotton-acres	26,527	47	178	136	713
Wheat-acres	8,814	82	211	815	2,612
Hay crops-acres	5,685	173	253	2,176	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	3,563	108	219	327	1,508
Oats-acres	(D)	85	185	1,241	2,332

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 .....	240	123	95
\$10,000 or more .....	126	147	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,985	9,666	3
Average per farm .....dollars..	27,281	35,538	-23
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,247	3,366	-4
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,871	12,375	-28
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	303	230	32
Partnership or corporation .....	50	38	32
Other .....	13	2	550
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	175	152	15
Other .....	191	118	62
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	329	259	27
Female .....	37	11	236
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	355	266	33
Black and other races .....	11	4	175
Average age of operator .....	59.1	56.2	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.