

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 1,117,134 acres in 1992 to 1,141,833 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 4,232 acres in 1992 to 4,035 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 161 farms in 1992 to 151 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

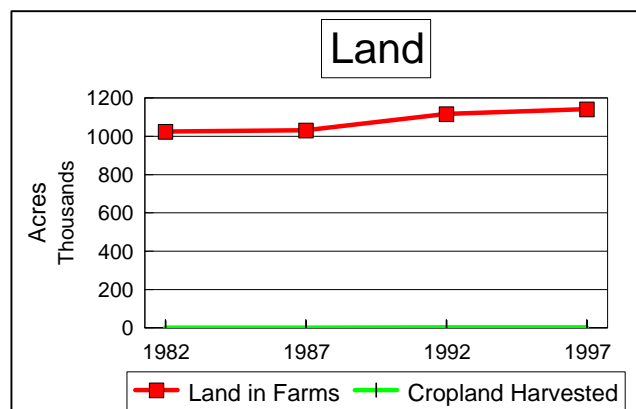
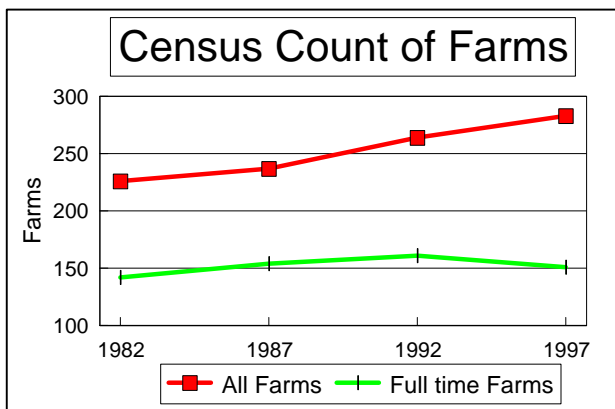
Decreased 5 percent to \$9,085,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 12 percent from \$36,314 in 1992 to \$32,103 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	9,085	213	254	2,553	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,905	176	254	1,952	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	180	243	252	2,995	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	4,028	210	254	1,628	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	(D)	13	238	60	2,787
Angora goats and mohair	2,197	1	119	1	1,034
Goats other than milk and angora	300	7	242	8	2,527
Fruits, nuts, berries	89	85	212	983	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
All goats sold	42,303	1	243	1	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	28,564	13	235	51	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	10,360	208	254	1,582	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	92	180	995	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	32	183	254	2,091	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All goat inventory	114,840	1	247	1	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	41,493	14	244	42	2,864
Cattle and calves inventory	17,533	213	254	1,668	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	685	127	254	1,180	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	122	223	1,045	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,333	234	253	2,819	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	700	69	236	392	2,693
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	160	219	599	1,508
Oats-acres	144	116	185	1,526	2,332
Total berries-acres	(D)	86	105	1,839	2,058

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	147	120	23
\$10,000 or more	136	144	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,067	10,286	-12
Average per farmdollars..	32,041	38,815	-17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(283)	(400)	29
Average per farmdollars..	(1,002)	(1,510)	34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	223	201	11
Partnership or corporation	57	58	-2
Other	3	5	-40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	151	161	-6
Other	132	103	28
Operators by sex:			
Male	246	226	9
Female	37	38	-3
Operators by race:			
White	274	261	5
Black and other races	9	3	200
Average age of operator	56.0	55.9	0

(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.