

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 765,139 acres in 1992 to 708,067 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 618 acres in 1992 to 536 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 584 farms in 1992 to 566 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

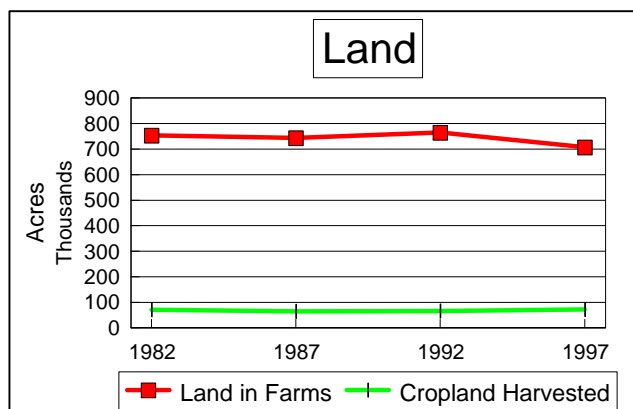
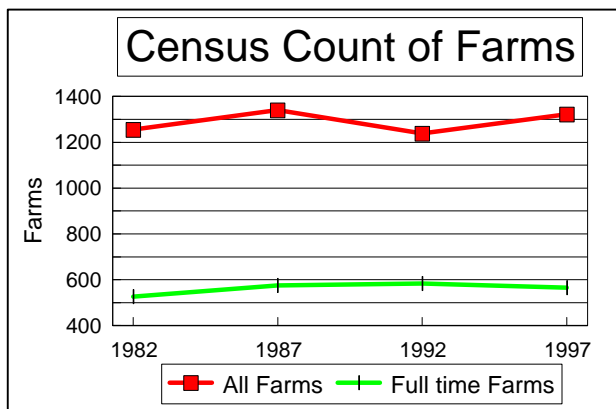
Decreased 15 percent to \$46,170,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 21 percent from \$44,031 in 1992 to \$34,924 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	46,170	72	254	1,276	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	23,583	81	254	1,091	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	22,586	50	252	1,165	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	19,341	62	254	425	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	13,194	5	172	105	2,237
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,203	34	189	539	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,486	22	206	313	2,739
Dairy products	1,761	53	176	1,116	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	47,382	58	254	320	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	11,739	12	242	980	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	4,335	23	180	412	2,200
All goats sold	416	104	243	230	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	316	43	123	462	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	82,857	49	254	223	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	11,004	11	223	143	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,605	44	246	1,427	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,033	79	254	707	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,005	68	245	1,198	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	39,821	33	253	430	3,061
Peanuts-acres	13,955	6	115	32	466
Sorghum for grain-acres	9,798	79	219	215	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	2,400	77	178	1,584	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,764	138	211	1,477	2,612

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	935	801	17
\$10,000 or more	387	437	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	39,744	47,558	-16
Average per farmdollars..	30,086	38,446	-22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,525	8,133	-20
Average per farmdollars..	4,939	6,575	-25
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,153	1,074	7
Partnership or corporation	164	156	5
Other	5	8	-38
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	566	584	-3
Other	756	654	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,167	1,107	5
Female	155	131	18
Operators by race:			
White	1,195	1,168	2
Black and other races	127	70	81
Average age of operator	56.8	57.5	-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.