

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 581,776 acres in 1992 to 613,323 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 355 acres in 1992 to 343 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 809 farms in 1992 to 842 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

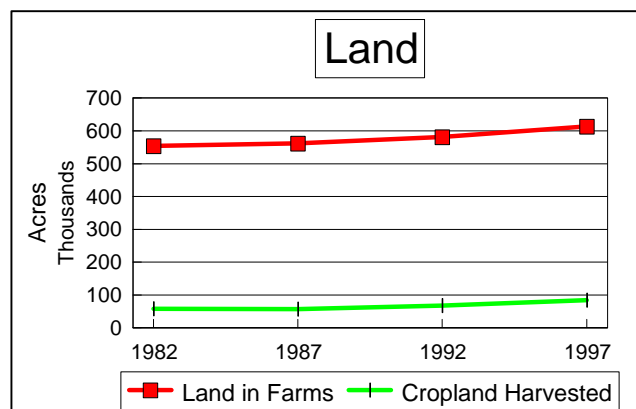
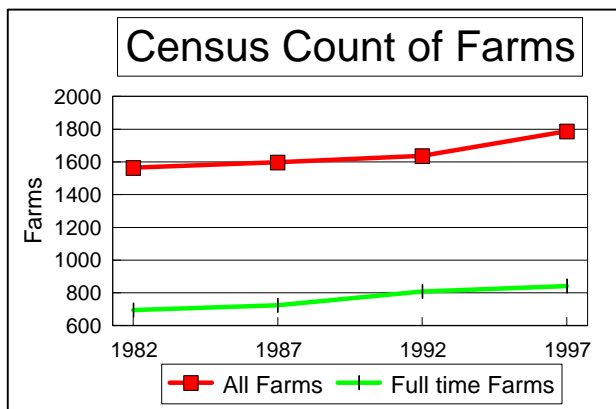
Increased 26 percent to \$232,917,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 15 percent from \$113,296 in 1992 to \$130,339 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	232,917	13	254	107	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	224,569	11	254	51	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,347	118	252	1,868	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	183,491	1	176	10	2,563
Cattle and calves	39,356	26	254	178	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,153	6	250	144	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,902	37	189	567	2,790
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	791	40	172	511	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	108,126	20	254	91	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,363	38	180	561	2,200
All goats sold	2,093	42	243	49	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	2,014	47	235	474	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,509	69	242	1,664	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	188,786	9	254	35	3,064
All goat inventory	6,013	40	247	46	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,436	42	223	395	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,389	51	244	461	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	2,365	20	254	158	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	69,227	2	253	125	3,061
Sorghum for silage-acres	10,427	1	165	1	1,323
Peanuts-acres	2,367	24	115	110	466
Land in orchards-acres	1,933	32	236	223	2,693
Sorghum for grain-acres	1,831	130	219	420	1,508

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 .....	1,080	939	15
\$10,000 or more .....	707	698	1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	187,456	154,163	22
Average per farm .....dollars..	104,959	94,232	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	42,627	29,943	42
Average per farm .....dollars..	23,867	18,302	30
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,608	1,469	9
Partnership or corporation .....	165	155	6
Other .....	14	13	8
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	842	809	4
Other .....	945	828	14
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,618	1,503	8
Female .....	169	134	26
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,764	1,630	8
Black and other races .....	23	7	229
Average age of operator .....	55.2	55.1	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.