

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



FOARD TEXAS

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 321,752 acres in 1992 to 307,730 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 19 percent from 1,601 acres in 1992 to 1,293 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 116 farms in 1992 to 102 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

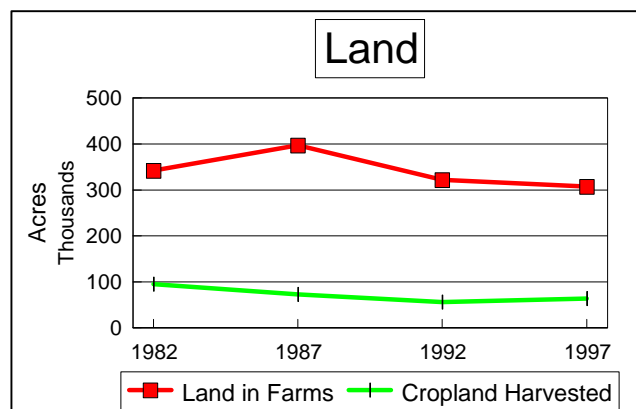
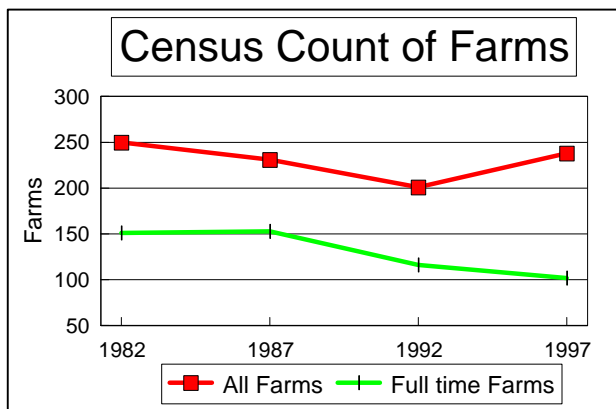
Increased 25 percent to \$11,108,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 5 percent from \$44,351 in 1992 to \$46,674 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	11,108	203	254	2,453	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,989	206	254	2,251	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,119	145	252	2,113	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	5,911	183	254	1,331	3,063
Wheat	2,764	39	211	554	2,578
Cotton, cottonseed	1,110	85	177	375	709
Grain sorghum	(D)	85	208	265	1,275
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	254	174	250	2,190	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	13,019	189	254	1,367	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	291	150	242	2,274	2,976
All goats sold	33	221	243	1,695	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	217	235	2,613	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	10	241	254	2,737	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	20,151	201	254	1,531	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	251	222	254	2,398	3,066
All goat inventory	197	198	247	1,180	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	96	188	246	2,508	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	219	245	2,841	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	40,612	33	211	350	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	11,826	69	219	191	1,508
Cotton-acres	6,368	82	178	308	713
Hay crops-acres	4,186	198	253	2,401	3,061
Peanuts-acres	269	65	115	234	466

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	137	72	90
\$10,000 or more	101	129	-22
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,185	7,947	28
Average per farmdollars..	42,794	39,539	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,125	882	141
Average per farmdollars..	8,928	4,390	103
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	205	163	26
Partnership or corporation	29	36	-19
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	102	116	-12
Other	136	85	60
Operators by sex:			
Male	207	176	18
Female	31	25	24
Operators by race:			
White	235	198	19
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	57.5	57.0	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.