

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



FORT BEND TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 422,464 acres in 1992 to 431,582 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 352 acres in 1992 to 333 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 569 farms in 1992 to 565 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

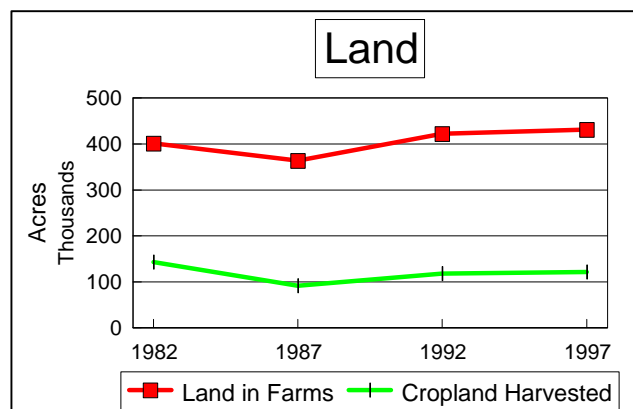
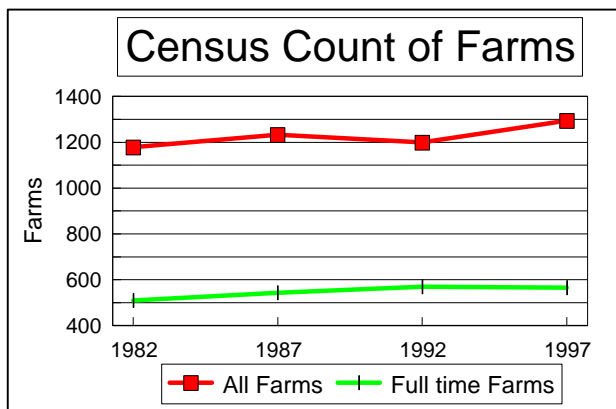
Increased 28 percent to \$76,397,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$49,971 in 1992 to \$58,994 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	76,397	40	254	752	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	64,244	17	252	363	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,153	148	254	1,692	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	36,117	2	189	52	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	14,290	32	177	113	709
Cattle and calves	10,994	126	254	824	3,063
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	6,050	9	132	120	1,971
Grain sorghum	4,663	27	208	75	1,275
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	30,936	109	254	617	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,081	84	242	1,787	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	953	65	180	782	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	424	38	123	383	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	58	146	1,118	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	62,279	86	254	423	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,166	23	254	186	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,400	57	245	1,047	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,076	60	246	1,573	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	990	84	223	701	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	46,380	33	178	73	713
Sorghum for grain-acres	27,389	36	219	94	1,508
Hay crops-acres	18,443	90	253	1,112	3,061
Rice-acres	11,592	9	22	60	153
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,627	14	119	1,085	2,144

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	820	721	14
\$10,000 or more	475	478	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	54,548	45,944	19
Average per farmdollars..	42,122	38,351	10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	22,952	12,545	83
Average per farmdollars..	17,724	10,472	69
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,088	1,024	6
Partnership or corporation	186	165	13
Other	21	10	110
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	565	569	-1
Other	730	630	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,178	1,076	9
Female	117	123	-5
Operators by race:			
White	1,229	1,151	7
Black and other races	66	48	38
Average age of operator	55.2	54.4	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.