

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



AUSTIN TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 337,351 acres in 1992 to 367,432 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 193 acres in 1992 to 202 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 652 farms in 1992 to 633 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

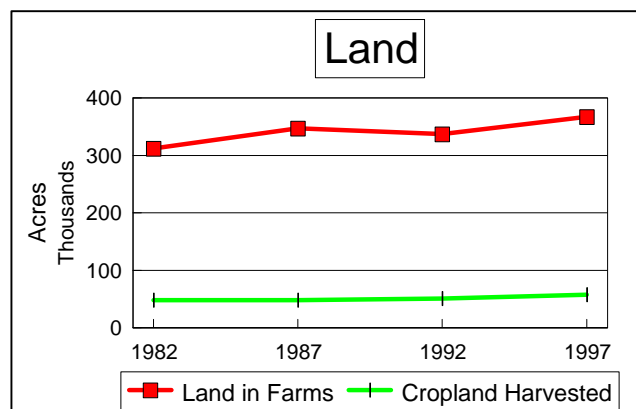
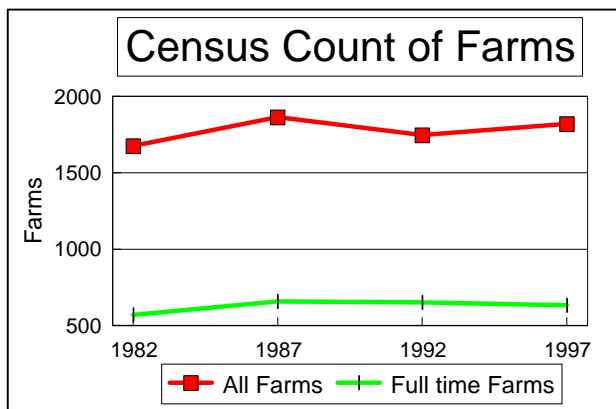
Decreased 30 percent to \$24,550,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 33 percent from \$19,986 in 1992 to \$13,489 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	24,550	139	254	1,937	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	17,347	116	254	1,384	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,203	126	252	1,941	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	15,851	88	254	555	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,863	46	189	721	2,790
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,851	13	132	223	1,971
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,131	57	250	817	3,043
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	49	222	992	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	33	146	637	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	41,309	72	254	397	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	21	180	400	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	948	89	242	1,825	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	350	47	115	1,134	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	85,366	44	254	208	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	29	245	561	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	23	223	272	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	2,013	27	254	213	3,066
Broiler inventory	543	41	190	935	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	43,847	24	253	358	3,061
Rice-acres	3,741	12	22	85	153
Sorghum for grain-acres	3,301	109	219	334	1,508
Cotton-acres	2,844	100	178	383	713
Corn for grain-acres	2,071	83	178	1,631	2,691

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	1,410	1,278	10
\$10,000 or more	410	470	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	24,254	33,702	-28
Average per farmdollars..	13,326	19,280	-31
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,029	1,061	-3
Average per farmdollars..	566	607	-7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,638	1,579	4
Partnership or corporation	170	151	13
Other	12	18	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	633	652	-3
Other	1,187	1,096	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,590	1,552	2
Female	230	196	17
Operators by race:			
White	1,778	1,716	4
Black and other races	42	32	31
Average age of operator	57.6	57.5	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.