

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



FREESTONE TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 370,140 acres in 1992 to 422,548 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 316 acres in 1992 to 351 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 501 farms in 1992 to 464 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

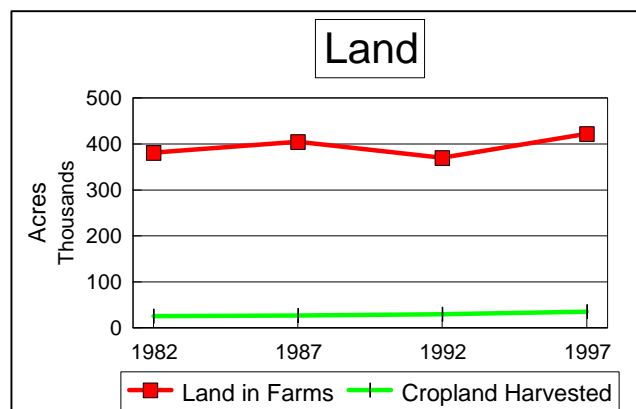
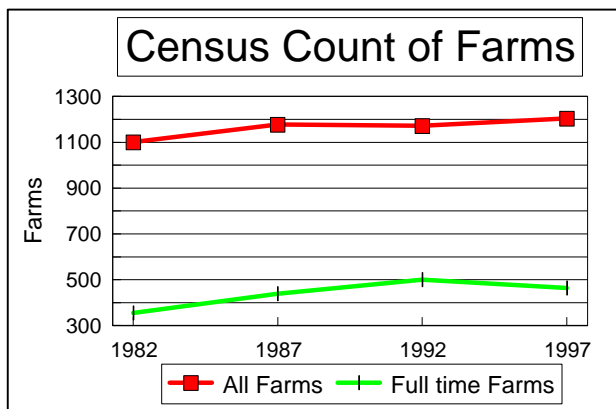
Increased 6 percent to \$19,648,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 3 percent from \$15,859 in 1992 to \$16,305 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	19,648	164	254	2,121	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,211	109	254	1,345	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,437	200	252	2,617	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	17,989	73	254	471	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	478	128	250	1,655	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	350	31	212	543	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	271	80	206	956	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	259	102	189	1,642	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	46,113	64	254	338	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	22	180	410	2,200
All goats sold	481	93	243	198	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	363	137	242	2,194	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	64	146	1,194	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	88,179	41	254	195	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,881	34	223	356	2,884
All goat inventory	1,804	74	247	104	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	1,010	82	254	732	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	566	100	245	1,581	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	34,863	39	253	539	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	401	94	236	529	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	142	90	206	1,082	2,741
Sweetpotatoes-acres	(D)	8	30	78	465
All nursery-acres	24	101	167	1,799	2,619

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	873	768	14
\$10,000 or more	332	404	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,984	18,919	16
Average per farmdollars..	18,259	16,142	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(2,824)	(251)	-1025
Average per farmdollars..	(2,345)	(214)	-996
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,114	1,090	2
Partnership or corporation	85	75	13
Other	6	7	-14
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	464	501	-7
Other	741	671	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,084	1,071	1
Female	121	101	20
Operators by race:			
White	1,059	1,038	2
Black and other races	146	134	9
Average age of operator	56.9	56.4	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.