

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



GALVESTON TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 102,229 acres in 1992 to 104,941 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 235 acres in 1992 to 202 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 147 farms in 1992 to 160 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

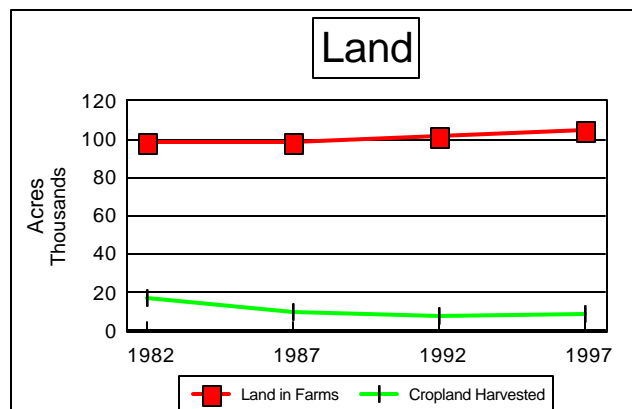
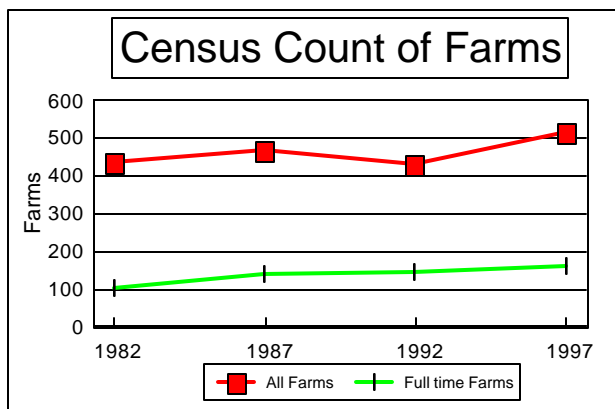
Decreased 13 percent to \$6,805,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 27 percent from \$17,982 in 1992 to \$13,112 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	6,805	225	254	2,668	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,670	218	254	2,387	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,135	189	252	2,490	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,293	231	254	2,065	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	5	128	71	1,505
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,174	54	189	912	2,790
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	(D)	26	132	395	1,971
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	250	175	250	2,197	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	8,041	222	254	1,792	3,063
All goats sold	292	120	243	335	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	221	100	180	1,139	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	206	167	242	2,389	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	69	146	1,252	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	16,035	220	254	1,751	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	19	185	304	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,063	76	254	668	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	733	101	223	825	2,884
All goat inventory	601	131	247	370	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,503	151	253	1,964	3,061
Rice-acres	1,150	18	22	110	153
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	68	119	1,812	2,144
All nursery-acres	175	36	167	966	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	165	133	236	822	2,693

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	424	323	31
\$10,000 or more	95	112	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	7,752	7,985	-3
Average per farmdollars..	14,936	18,398	-19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(366)	338	-208
Average per farmdollars..	(705)	779	-191
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	481	379	27
Partnership or corporation	36	53	-32
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	160	147	9
Other	359	288	25
Operators by sex:			
Male	474	391	21
Female	45	44	2
Operators by race:			
White	496	421	18
Black and other races	23	14	64
Average age of operator	54.7	53.6	2

(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.