

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



GILLESPIE TEXAS

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 688,330 acres in 1992 to 693,933 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 501 acres in 1992 to 475 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 673 farms in 1992 to 649 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

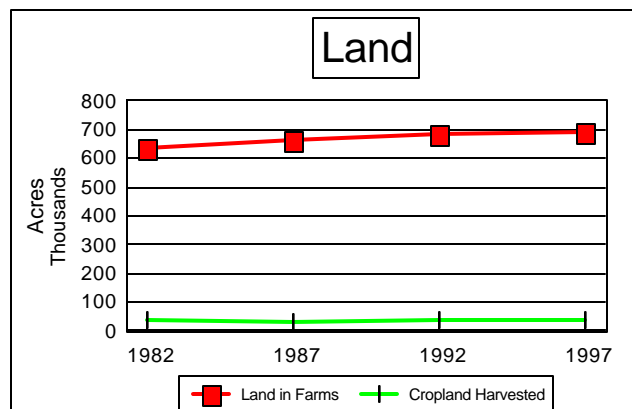
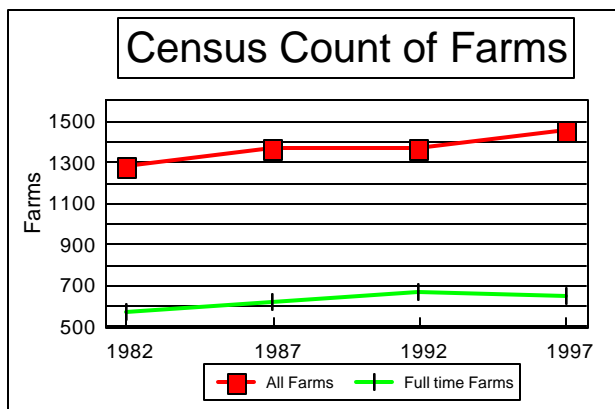
Decreased 21 percent to \$29,261,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 26 percent from \$26,866 in 1992 to \$20,014 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	29,261	118	254	1,750	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,454	76	254	1,053	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,807	149	252	2,141	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	12,449	114	254	730	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	5,528	29	222	571	2,901
Sheep, lambs, and wool	3,539	10	238	39	2,787
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,153	9	212	219	2,547
Hogs and pigs	1,465	11	242	909	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	585,800	5	85	110	1,353
Sheep and lambs sold	44,616	8	235	26	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	27,200	126	254	719	3,063
All goats sold	13,996	10	243	10	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	13,787	10	242	928	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	11	171	183	2,361
Sheep and lamb inventory	52,720	10	244	28	2,864
Cattle and calves inventory	50,152	111	254	604	3,064
All goat inventory	35,789	10	247	10	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	8,012	11	246	882	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	22,381	66	253	914	3,061
Wheat-acres	6,065	99	211	972	2,612
Oats-acres	5,230	4	185	120	2,332
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,385	121	219	382	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	2,361	78	178	1,591	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	1,026	928	11
\$10,000 or more	436	445	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,598	34,677	-15
Average per farmdollars..	20,231	25,256	-20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	911	1,457	-37
Average per farmdollars..	623	1,061	-41
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,262	1,209	4
Partnership or corporation	188	159	18
Other	12	5	140
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	649	673	-4
Other	813	700	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,289	1,203	7
Female	173	170	2
Operators by race:			
White	1,454	1,366	6
Black and other races	8	7	14
Average age of operator	58.9	57.9	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.