

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Texas Agricultural Statistics Service



## HALE TEXAS

### Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 560,355 acres in 1992 to 586,515 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 724 acres in 1992 to 698 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 583 farms in 1992 to 577 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

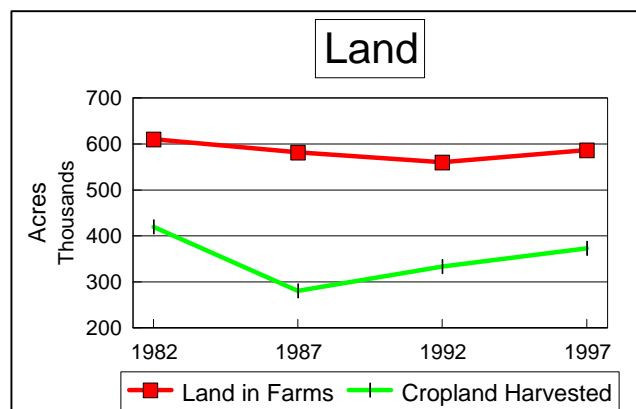
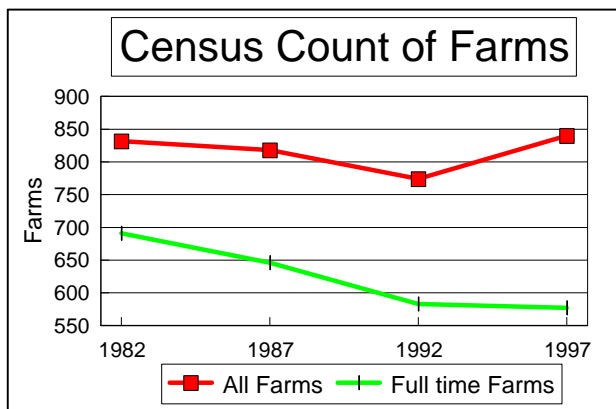
Increased 35 percent to \$239,579,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 24 percent from \$229,195 in 1992 to \$285,213 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	239,579	12	254	98	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	122,943	19	254	126	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	116,637	3	252	103	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	116,942	13	254	44	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	73,388	3	177	11	709
Corn for grain	23,922	7	160	263	2,582
Grain sorghum	7,974	9	208	29	1,275
Hogs and pigs	(D)	4	242	513	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	164,748	13	254	53	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	3	242	597	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	842	69	235	915	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	136	180	1,501	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	26	199	254	2,261	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	91,850	32	254	170	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	4	246	507	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,001	73	244	954	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	34	185	657	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	354	190	254	2,021	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Cotton-acres	207,674	8	178	11	713
Corn for grain-acres	57,161	6	178	463	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	46,187	15	219	47	1,508
Wheat-acres	37,124	36	211	377	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	17,081	7	119	835	2,144

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	255	169	51
\$10,000 or more .....	585	605	-3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	165,566	166,013	-0
Average per farm .....dollars..	197,337	214,210	-8
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	73,664	11,928	518
Average per farm .....dollars..	87,800	15,391	470
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	624	608	3
Partnership or corporation .....	210	161	30
Other .....	6	5	20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	577	583	-1
Other .....	263	191	38
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	762	743	3
Female .....	78	31	152
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	828	765	8
Black and other races .....	12	9	33
Average age of operator .....	55.6	51.1	9

(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.