

**DAWSON COUNTY, TX**

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	583	465	527
Acreage	605,260	553,047	595,182
Average size (acres)	1,038	1,189	1,129
Median size (acres)	720	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	608,630	478,180	418,066
Machinery/equip (dollars)	124,072	90,728	67,054
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	503,536	411,585	450,276
Harvested	324,684	256,111	225,620
Irrigated	64,756	30,810	18,825
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	89,602	49,090	42,443
(dollars avg. per farm)	153,691	105,570	80,537
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	48,380	30,703	21,430
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	8,452	7,500	8,446
Beef cows	D	D	3,332
Milk cows	D	D	11
Hogs and pigs	39	342	D
Sheep and lambs	277	D	D
Layers 13 wks or/older	D	D	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	0	0
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Corn, grain or seed	D	0	D
Corn, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	21,418	63,316	17,763
Wheat	2,930	1,827	1,710
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	0	0	0
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	274,472	184,300	201,771
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	D	D	0
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	2,481	1,526	2,562
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

**Orchards**

Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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**Abbreviations/footnotes:**

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture