

STERLING COUNTY, TX

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

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	67	74	75
Acreage	705,614	835,337	675,977
Average size (acres)	10,532	11,288	9,013
Median size (acres)	2,302	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	3,109,680	2,342,306	2,076,067
Machinery/equip (dollars)	47,763	39,398	31,978
Cropland (acres)			
Total	13,952	5,280	10,068
Harvested	2,941	897	3,098
Irrigated	241	212	238
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	8,531	8,549	7,434
(dollars avg. per farm)	127,336	115,524	99,126
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	16,174	14,545	11,907
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	16,410	20,227	13,545
Beef cows	D	D	D
Milk cows	D	D	D
Hogs and pigs	0	D	0
Sheep and lambs	54,016	80,267	61,626
Layers 13 wks or/older	D	0	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	0	0
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Corn, grain or seed	0	0	0
Corn, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	0	0	0
Wheat	1,820	792	2,446
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	0	0	0
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	0	0	0
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	0	0	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	905	D	292
Vegetables			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

Orchards

Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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