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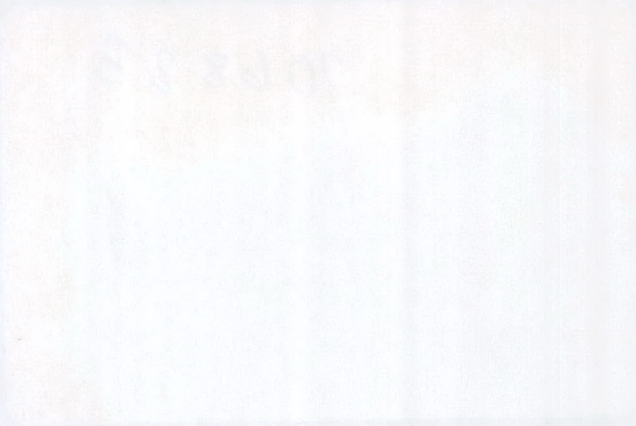
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Summary

In 1992, Texas rural land markets recovered from the modest decline posted in 1991 (Table 1). The 8 percent increase nearly shifted the statewide median price to 1989-90 levels as markets returned to normal following preoccupations with the Gulf War and recession in 1991. Markets recorded the 1992 increase in marginally more active trading with a trend toward sales of larger properties. These facts reveal a Texas land market that has remained virtually unchanged from 1989 through 1992.

After adjusting for inflation, the real price of Texas land in 1966 dollars posted a 4 percent recovery from 1991 levels (Figure 1). However, the 1992 market lost ground when compared to 1990 and earlier median real prices. In fact, the 1992 median real price fell well below the 1966 median price, indicating that current land markets have returned to levels that prevailed more than 25 years ago (Figure 2).

Current price levels reflect the decline that began in the early 1980s as agricultural incomes and oil industry profits began to falter. Statewide and regional prices recorded substantial declines during the 1980-92 period (Table 2). However, that trend appears to have halted in 1991 (Table 3).

Despite the posted increase in median price from 1991 to 1992, statistical testing indicated no identifiable overall market trend. Matching the statewide price increases, some land market areas registered higher prices but others posted declines (Table 3 and Figures 3 through 5). Nevertheless, most areas appear to have stabilized.

Analysis of the statewide sales yields the following information:

- Statewide median price of **\$645 per acre**
 - **8 percent increase** from 1991 median price
 - **0.8 percent decline** from 1989-90 median prices
 - **39 percent cumulative decline** from 1985 to 1992 statewide or **7 percent compound annual decline**
- Inflation adjusted median price of **\$149 per acre**
 - **4 percent increase** from 1991 real median price per acre
 - **8 percent decline** from 1990 median price
 - **13 percent lower** than the \$172 real median price per acre for 1966

Regional Trends

Regional trends in median prices revealed little substantive change in most land market areas (LMA) in the state (Figure 5). Although several areas posted sizeable percentage shifts, the median prices had previously fallen to low levels, thus enlarging the percentage change. For example, the Trans-Pecos (LMA 8) registered a \$10-per-acre increase from \$50 per acre in 1991 to \$60 in 1992. Although this shift represented a 20 percent rise in median price, the \$10 shift is nearly insignificant. Also, price changes in many LMAs appear to be confined to a particular locale within the area. Therefore, only five areas registered statistically significant price increases: LMAs 7, 11, 14, 15

and 19. With the exception of LMA 19, these area shifts appear to be more associated with changes in the kind of properties sold than with an overall price trend. For example, in LMA 7 sales revealed a trend toward larger acreages and an increase in the number of sales. This supply pressure and the larger tract size combined to drive 1992 prices lower. Analysis of the regional statistics for those areas registering statistically significant shifts reveals the following facts (Tables 3 and 7; Figures 3 through 5):

- **Rolling Plains-Central (LMA 7).** Land markets in this region posted an unreasonably large increase in 1991 as primarily prime properties sold in an inactive

Table 1. Nominal and Real Changes in the Median Price of Texas Rural Land, 1966-92

Year	Median Tract Size (acres)	Nominal			Real		
		Median Price per Acre	Year-to-Year Percentage Change	Annual Compound Pretax Growth Rate from 1966	Deflated Median Price per Acre*	Year-to-Year Percentage Change	Annual Compound Pretax Growth Rate from 1966
1966	120	\$ 172	****	****	\$172	****	****
1967	110	187	9	9	182	6	6
1968	101	200	7	8	187	3	4
1969	100	225	13	9	199	6	5
1970	107	245	9	9	205	3	4
1971	110	265	8	9	212	3	4
1972	120	295	11	9	228	8	5
1973	153	350	19	11	256	12	6
1974	150	425	21	12	280	9	6
1975	126	461	8	12	278	-1	5
1976	128	475	3	11	271	-3	5
1977	121	513	8	10	275	1	4
1978	126	576	12	11	287	4	4
1979	132	625	9	10	279	-3	4
1980	138	715	14	11	282	1	4
1981	124	808	13	11	289	2	4
1982	105	946	17	11	318	10	4
1983	113	985	4	11	321	1	4
1984	125	1,000	2	10	314	-2	3
1985	118	1,050	5	10	317	1	3
1986	113	870	-17	8	258	-19	2
1987	130	700	-20	7	200	-22	1
1988	139	661	-6	6	181	-10	0
1989	141	650	-2	6	171	-6	0
1990	135	650	0	5	162	-5	0
1991	138	600	-8	5	143	-12	-1
1992	145	645	8	5	149	4	-1

*In 1966 dollars

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

market. The 1992 decline reflected a return to a more active market with a more typical mix of properties. Thus, the posted decline reflects a market correction that does not indicate a price trend for all land in the area.

- **13 percent price decline** in an active market where prices had risen unrealistically in 1991

- **22 percent increase** in acreage of typical tract sold
- **86 percent increase** in number of reported sales
- **\$350 median price per acre** for 1992
- **191-acre typical tract size**

Figure 1. Real and Nominal Price per Acre for Texas Rural Land, 1966-92

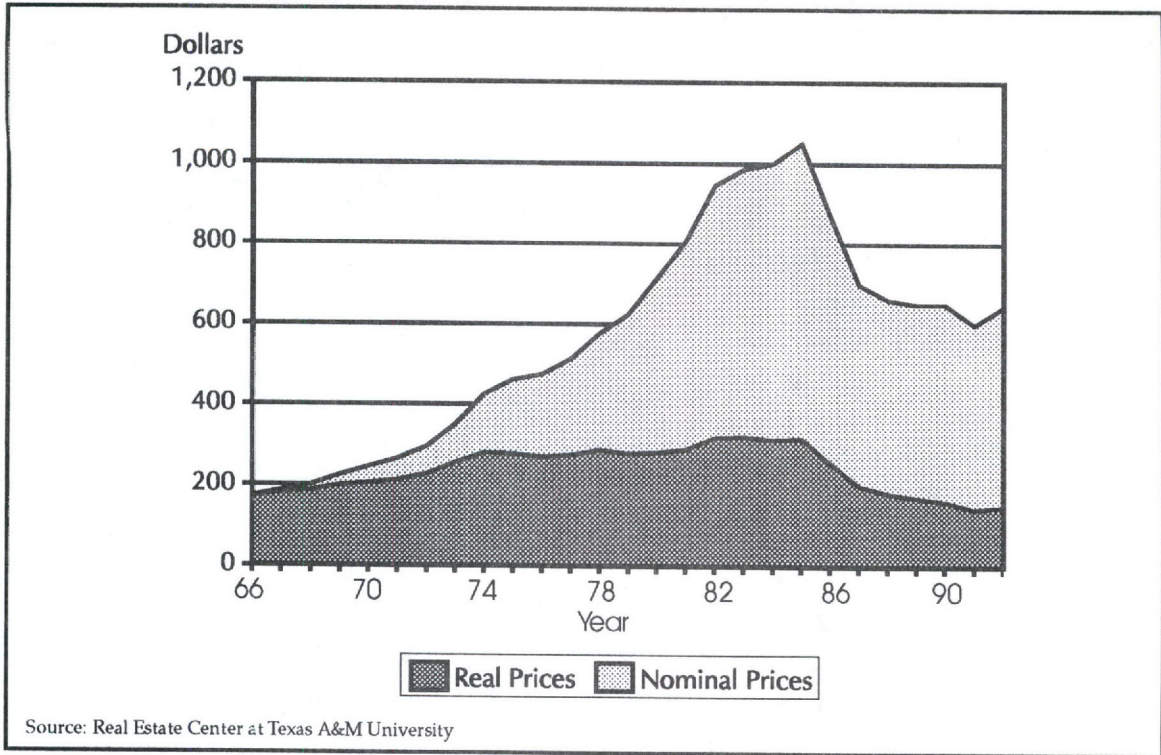


Figure 2. Changes in Nominal and Real Prices of Texas Rural Land, 1967-92

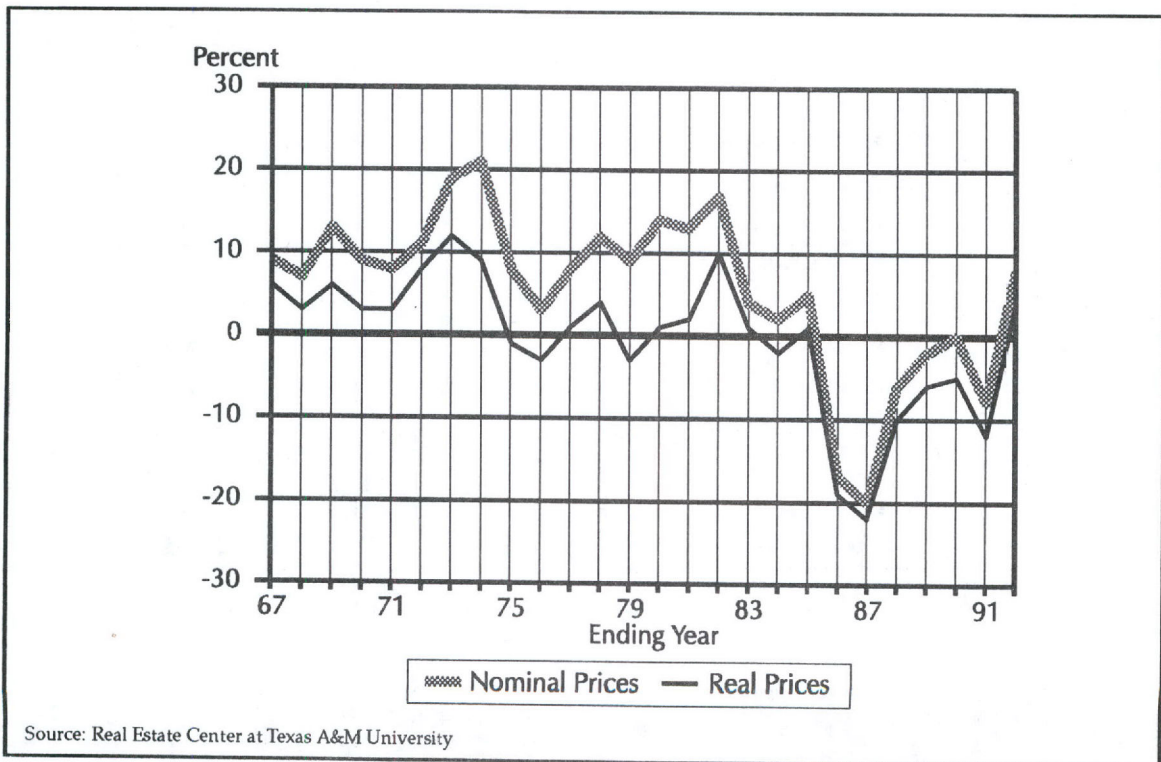


Table 2. Cumulative Percentage Reductions in Nominal Texas Rural Land Median Price per Acre, 1980-92

Land Market Area	Year of Trough	Percentage Change from Market Peak		Year of Peak
		To Low	To 1991	
1 Panhandle-North	1987	-57	-40	1981
2 Panhandle-Central	1987	-47	-30	1982
3 South Plains	1987	-54	-46	1982
4 Permian-West	1987	-55	-36	1983
5 Canadian Breaks	1988	-46	-40	1982
6 Rolling Plains-North	1987	-42	-37	1984
7 Rolling Plains-Central	1992	-42	-42	1982
8 Trans-Pecos	1991	-77	-72	1983
9 Edwards Plateau-West	1991	-61	-54	1985
10 Edwards Plateau-South	1992	-60	-60	1985
11 Rio Grande Plains	1992	-50	-50	1984
12 North Central Plains	1992	-34	-34	1985
13 Crosstimbers	1991	-44	-40	1985
14 Hill Country-North	1991	-50	-44	1985
15 Hill Country-West	1991	-45	-32	1985
16 Highland Lakes	1992	-60	-60	1985
17 Hill Country-South	1991	-67	-60	1985
18 San Antonio	1991	-53	-52	1984
19 Coastal Prairie-North	1992	-43	-43	1984
20 Coastal Prairie-South	1991	-50	-47	1984
21 Coastal Prairie-Middle	1992	-45	-45	1984
22 Texoma	1991	-33	-30	1985
23 Fort Worth Prairie	1991	-46	-45	1986
24 Dallas Prairie	1992	-48	-48	1986
25 Blacklands-North	1991	-35	-31	1986
26 Blacklands-South	1992	-64	-64	1985
27 Brazos	1990	-39	-39	1982
28 Houston	1992	-54	-54	1984
29 Northeast	1989	-42	-29	1985
30 Piney Woods-North	1992	-34	-34	1984
31 Piney Woods-South	1992	-53	-53	1984
32 Lower Rio Grande Valley	1992	-61	-61	1981
33 El Paso	1988	-52	-25	1984
State	1991	-43	-39	1985

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

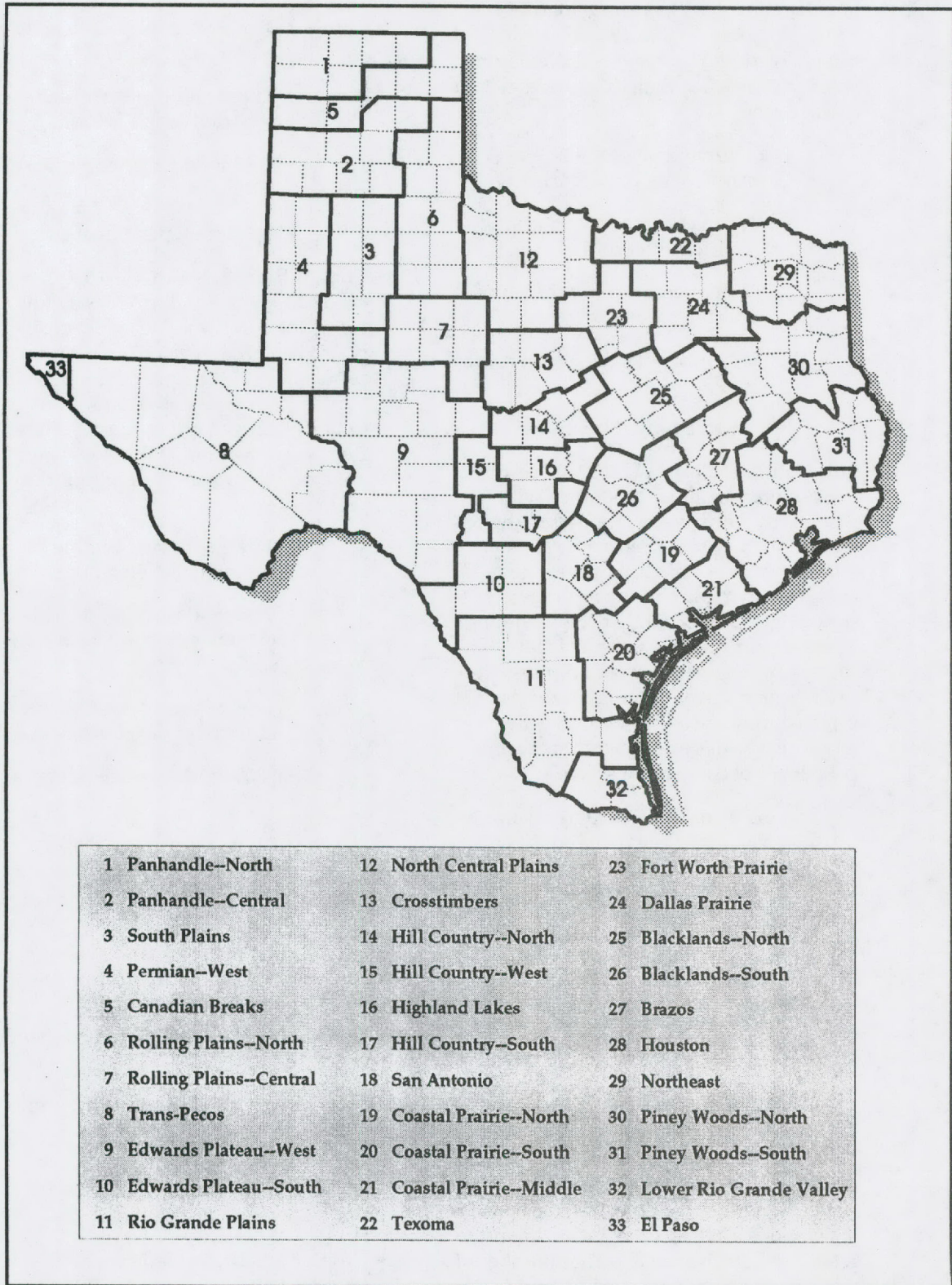
- **Rio Grande Plains (LMA 11).** Drought conditions in the northern counties of this area combined with weak demand to cause a market decline. Recreational buyers were too few to offset the downward pressures, and median prices fell on a broad front.
 - **16 percent price decline** in relatively inactive markets
 - **36 percent increase** in acreage of typical tract sold
 - **24 percent drop** in number of reported sales
 - **\$335 median price per acre** for 1992
 - **703-acre** typical tract size
- **Hill Country–North (LMA 14).** In 1992 the numbers of small properties selling increased. Consumers dominated the market with a mix of retirees and weekend ranchers bidding up prices. However, this swing to the consumer was not so strongly supported by borrowed funds as were previous consumer markets. Many of the buyers converted funds from savings or invested retirement funds. The upward trend also should reach into larger properties as attractive smaller properties become more scarce.
 - **11 percent price increase** in relatively active markets
 - **9 percent decrease** in acreage of typical tract sold
 - **31 percent increase** in number of reported sales
 - **\$500 median price per acre** for 1992
 - **197-acre** typical tract size
- **Hill Contry–West (LMA 15).** During 1992, strong demand for small properties propelled the prices upward in this region. At the same time, large properties (1,000 acres plus) faced a slack demand resulting in an unusually large number of small property transactions. A trend may emerge toward the breakup of larger properties for resale as small tracts if this demand pattern continues.
 - **26 percent price increase** in relatively inactive markets
 - **28 percent decline** in acreage of typical tract sold
 - **22 percent drop** in number of reported sales
 - **\$565 median price per acre** for 1992
 - **216-acre** typical tract size
- **Coastal Prairie–North (LMA 19).** Farmers and ranchers in LMA 19 saw low prices for crops, escalating expenses and poor growing conditions. This reduced profits in 1991-92, causing financial hardship for many. Reflecting this financial stress, land markets suffered from slack demand. The downtrend appeared to prevail throughout the region.
 - **9 percent price decline** in normally active markets
 - **4 percent increase or little change** in acreage of typical tract sold
 - **1 percent drop or little change** in number of reported sales
 - **\$909 median price per acre** for 1992
 - **82-acre** typical tract size

Outlook

Surveying current land market conditions reveals some potential influences on 1993-94 prices:

- Consumption buying activity depends on nonfarm incomes
- Low returns for alternative investments may make land attractive
 - Low interest rates
 - Risky stock market
- Cropland markets are beset by uncertainties
- Proposed changes in farm programs
- Environmental regulations

Figure 3. Texas Land Market Areas



Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

Figure 4. Median Price per Acre for Texas Rural Land, 1992

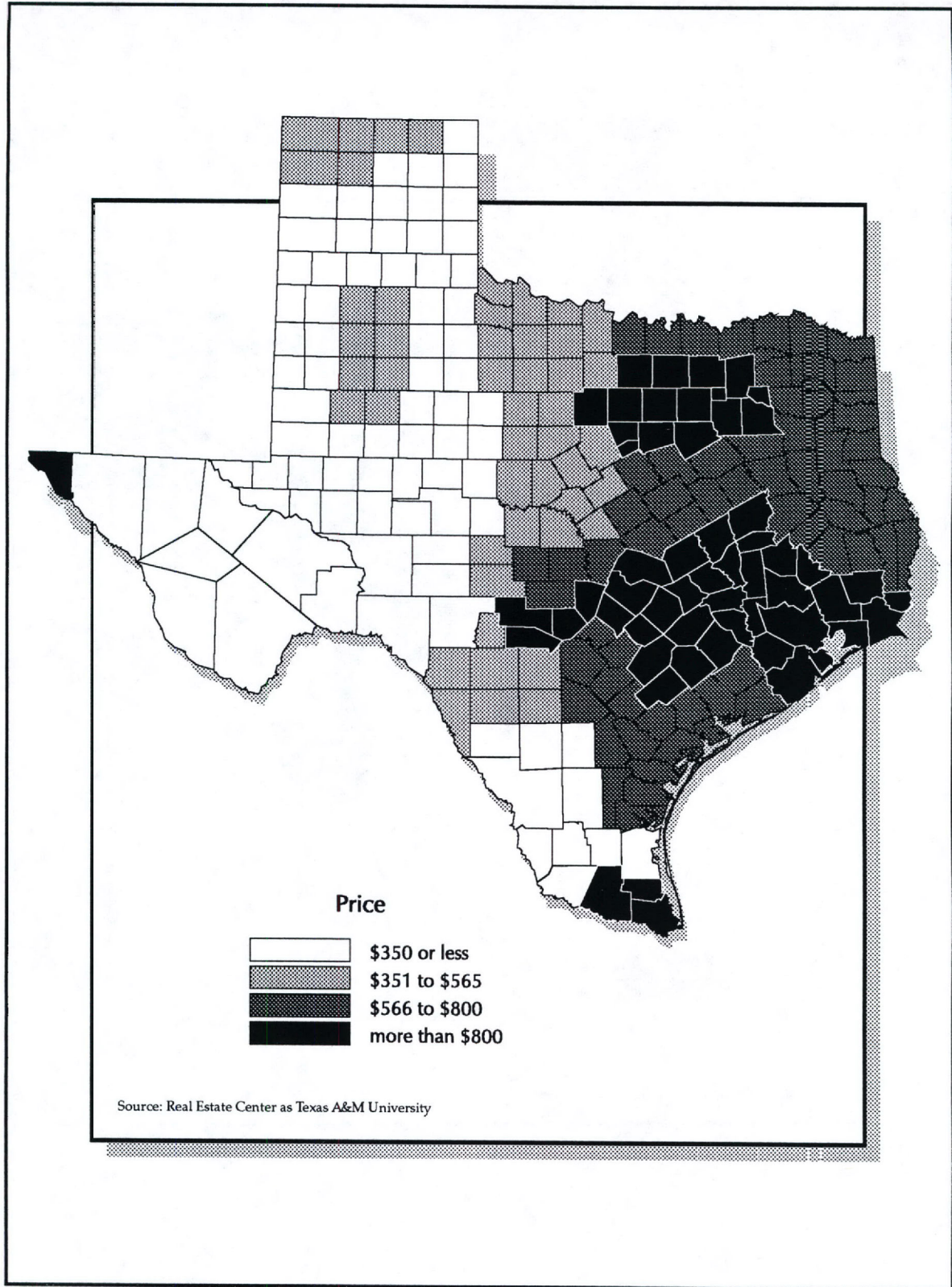


Figure 5. Percentage Change in Median Price per Acre for Texas Rural Land, 1990-91

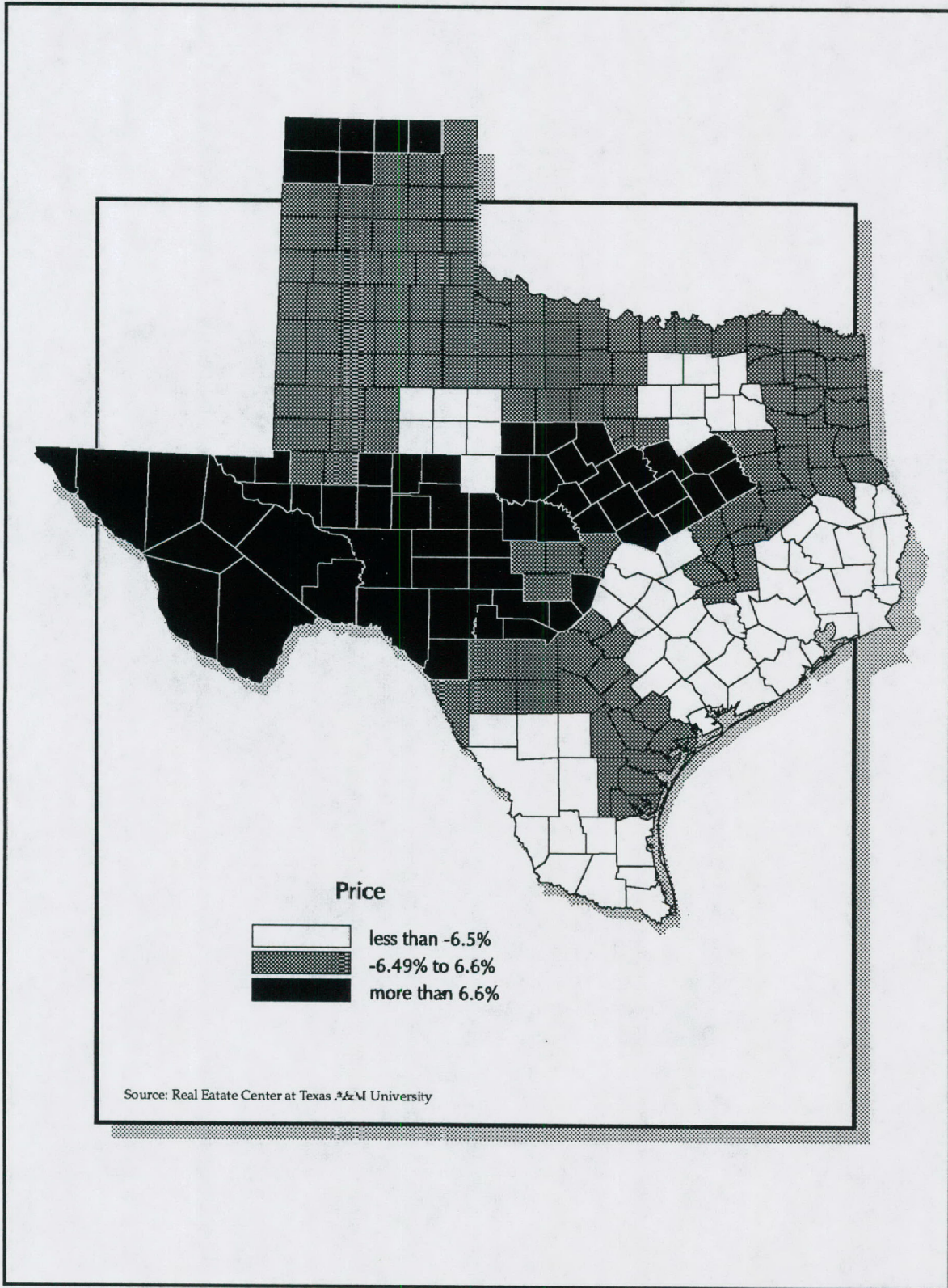


Table 3. Trends in Texas Rural Land Markets, 1991-92

Land Market Area	Median Price (\$/acre)		Trend Analysis			Volume of Sales Analysis				Land Market Area
			Change 1991-92			Number of Sales		Change 1991-92		
	1991	1992	\$/ac	%	Test	1991	1992	Number	%	
1	305	375	70	23		70	73	3	4	1
2	339	350	11	3		116	107	-9	-8	2
3	451	435	-16	-4		134	106	-28	-21	3
4	365	350	-15	-4		158	127	-31	-20	4
5	190	180	-10	-5		37	NA	NA	NA	5
6	204	217	13	6		133	118	-15	-11	6
7	402	350	-52	-13	**	100	186	86	86	7
8	50	60	10	20		NA	NA	NA	NA	8
9	225	270	45	20		118	120	2	2	9
10	525	513	-12	-2		133	161	28	21	10
11	400	335	-65	-16	*	74	56	-18	-24	11
12	391	381	-10	-3		186	196	10	5	12
13	398	428	30	8		96	104	8	8	13
14	450	500	50	11	**	127	167	40	31	14
15	450	565	115	26	**	65	51	-14	-22	15
16	846	800	-46	-5		87	99	12	14	16
17	900	1,077	177	20		NA	NA	NA	NA	17
18	748	762	14	2		126	138	12	10	18
19	1,000	909	-91	-9	**	225	222	-3	-1	19
20	652	683	31	5		137	154	17	12	20
21	775	700	-75	-10		131	131	0	0	21
22	666	704	38	6		126	199	73	58	22
23	945	959	14	1		95	106	11	12	23
24	971	907	-64	-7		124	137	13	10	24
25	650	695	45	7		237	243	6	3	25
26	973	892	-81	-8		191	183	-8	-4	26
27	1,134	1,069	-65	-6		195	251	56	29	27
28	1,542	1,302	-240	-16		133	90	-43	-32	28
29	628	630	2	0		199	219	20	10	29
30	800	800	0	0		117	153	36	31	30
31	900	748	-152	-17		35	32	-3	-9	31
32	1,200	1,091	-109	-9		66	84	18	27	32
33	2,534	3,950	1,416	56		NA	NA	NA	NA	33
State	600	645	45	8		3,811	4,087	276	7	State

Note: *Test* column shows the result of a Mann-Whitney test of the indicated changes.

*Indicates significance at the 95 percent level.

**Indicates significance at the 99 percent level.

All others showed no statistically verifiable trend.

NA indicates fewer than 30 sales

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

- Continuing erosion of property rights
- Changes in water rights

Sales from 1991 to 1992 indicated markets that reflected few surprises. Prices generally were unchanged with some improvement in areas where amenities attract consumer uses of rural land. Consequently, the typical transaction completed in those scenic regions compared to the amount of land required for an agricultural enterprise. Purchases in an improving consumer market depend on the health of the nonagricultural economy as nonfarmers dedicate their income to rural land purchases. Areas dominated by farmer-rancher buyers evidenced little pressure on prices in either direction. However, land market participants indicated a shortage of quality properties among offerings. If demand were stimulated, the lack of attractive properties could create upward pressure on the price of desirable properties.

The potential for a recession foreseen by some analysts following the federal tax increase and a continuing trend toward downsizing among businesses may slow growth in nonfarm incomes. To the extent that these trends materialize, the brisk demand in the Hill Country and other scenic areas will slacken. Competition for properties likely will decline in response to these developments. While 1993 and 1994 prices in these areas probably will not decline markedly, they most likely will not increase either. A holding pattern may develop as potential sellers wait for these temporary woes to pass.

Investors who consider land as an alternative to potentially risky or poorly performing financial investments are likely to choose between properties with solid productive capabilities and land with a potential for

substantial appreciation. These investors probably will seek either prime cropland or land that is in the path of progress near cities and towns. However, most of these buyers abandoned the land market during the past decade as income tax incentives to own land and value appreciation evaporated. These buyers have not yet resurfaced as a substantial influence on land prices. Prospects for the appearance of large numbers of these buyers in 1993-94 appears unlikely.

Farmers and ranchers continue to contend with environmental and governmental influences on their businesses. The current situation threatens to reduce farm incomes as the federal government strives to cut the budget deficit by limiting payments to agriculture. Environmental and other governmental regulations also disrupt farm and ranch management programs, often squeezing profits in the process. Many of these influences have not taken specific form. However, landowners and potential landowners are increasingly aware of the possibility that actions on these fronts may substantially affect profitable land use.

Buyers from these groups likely will purchase with caution and may well choose to lease rather than purchase land whenever possible. They may be the most prevalent buyers of larger ranches and good quality cropland. Enthusiasm for land depends on resolution of concerns about potential negative influences on income possibilities. Current trends do not point to a flood of buyers for large ranches and cropland. However, an active group of buyers is quietly purchasing properties that fit production plans.

These factors point to markets that change little in 1993 and early 1994. However, if a recession is indeed in the offing, 1994 land markets may slow as income growth falters.

**Table 4. Distribution of Nominal Price per Acre
for Texas Rural Land, 1992**

Land Market Area	Number of Sales	Price per Acre (\$)		
		Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile**
1 Panhandle-North	73	\$250	\$375	\$505
2 Panhandle-Central	107	243	350	550
3 South Plains	106	325	435	555
4 Permian West	127	274	350	500
5 Canadian Breaks	NA	154	180	233
6 Rolling Plains-North	118	157	217	273
7 Rolling Plains-Central	186	270	350	497
8 Trans-Pecos	NA	54	60	77
9 Edwards Plateau-West	120	167	270	386
10 Edwards Plateau-South	161	371	513	875
11 Rio Grande Plains	56	275	335	416
12 North Central Plains	196	309	381	500
13 Crosstimbers	104	340	428	727
14 Hill Country-North	167	420	500	740
15 Hill Country-West	51	377	565	962
16 Highland Lakes	99	600	800	1,080
17 Hill Country-South	NA	810	1,077	1,472
18 San Antonio	138	589	762	1,203
19 Coastal Prairie-North	222	649	909	1,210
20 Coastal Prairie-South	154	524	683	800
21 Coastal Prairie-Middle	131	549	700	930
22 Texoma	199	485	704	965
23 Fort Worth Prairie	106	700	959	1,500
24 Dallas Prairie	137	700	907	1,322
25 Blacklands-North	243	545	695	869
26 Blacklands-South	183	700	892	1,250
27 Brazos	251	795	1,069	1,652
28 Houston	90	886	1,302	2,000
29 Northeast	219	432	630	892
30 Piney Woods-North	153	647	800	1,092
31 Piney Woods-South	32	600	748	992
32 Lower Rio Grande Valley	84	861	1,091	1,695
33 El Paso	NA	2,400	3,950	5,500
State	4,087	\$400	\$645	\$969

*25 percent of the sales had prices equal to or less than this price.

**75 percent of the sales had prices equal to or less than this price.

NA indicates fewer than 30 sales reported.

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

**Table 5. Confidence Intervals of 95 Percent
for Median Price per Acre, Texas Rural Land, 1992**

Land Market Area	Number of Sales	Price per Acre (\$)		
		Lower Limit	Median	Upper Limit
1 Panhandle-North	73	\$284	\$375	\$450
2 Panhandle-Central	107	300	350	398
3 South Plains	106	400	435	500
4 Permian-West	127	322	350	400
5 Canadian Breaks	NA	155	180	229
6 Rolling Plains-North	118	200	217	250
7 Rolling Plains-Central	186	330	350	381
8 Trans-Pecos	NA	54	60	77
9 Edwards Plateau-West	120	212	270	300
10 Edwards Plateau-South	161	449	513	577
11 Rio Grande Plains	56	319	335	372
12 North Central Plains	196	360	381	401
13 Crosstimbers	104	400	428	574
14 Hill Country-North	167	452	500	550
15 Hill Country-West	51	481	565	682
16 Highland Lakes	99	695	800	850
17 Hill Country-South	NA	810	1,077	1,465
18 San Antonio	138	689	762	943
19 Coastal Prairie-North	222	807	909	996
20 Coastal Prairie-South	154	629	683	700
21 Coastal Prairie-Middle	131	650	700	775
22 Texoma	199	650	704	750
23 Fort Worth Prairie	106	833	959	1,144
24 Dallas Prairie	137	807	907	1,033
25 Blacklands-North	243	650	695	725
26 Blacklands-South	183	801	892	992
27 Brazos	251	1,000	1,069	1,170
28 Houston	90	1,097	1,302	1,695
29 Northeast	219	590	630	687
30 Piney Woods-North	153	780	800	908
31 Piney Woods-South	32	621	748	926
32 Lower Rio Grande Valley	84	950	1,091	1,250
33 El Paso	NA	2,400	3,950	5,500
State	4,087	\$620	\$645	\$650

NA indicates fewer than 30 sales reported.

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

Table 6. Limits of the 95 Percent Confidence Interval on Price per Acre as a Percentage of 1992 Median Price

Land Market Area	Percentage Change, 1991-92		
	Lower Limit	Median	Upper Limit
1 Panhandle-North	-7	23	48
2 Panhandle-Central	-12	3	17
3 South Plains	-11	-4	11
4 Permian-West	-12	-4	10
5 Canadian Breaks	-18	-5	21
6 Rolling Plains-North	-2	6	23
7 Rolling Plains-Central	-18	-13	-5
8 Trans-Pecos	8	20	54
9 Edwards Plateau-West	-6	20	33
10 Edwards Plateau-South	-14	-2	10
11 Rio Grande Plains	-20	-16	-7
12 North Central Plains	-8	-3	3
13 Crosstimbers	1	8	44
14 Hill Country-North	0	11	22
15 Hill Country-West	7	26	52
16 Highland Lakes	-18	-5	0
17 Hill Country-South	-10	20	63
18 San Antonio	-8	2	26
19 Coastal Prairie-North	-19	-9	0
20 Coastal Prairie-South	-4	5	7
21 Coastal Prairie-Middle	-16	-10	0
22 Texoma	-2	6	13
23 Fort Worth Prairie	-12	1	21
24 Dallas Prairie	-17	-7	6
25 Blacklands-North	0	7	12
26 Blacklands-South	-18	-8	2
27 Brazos	-12	-6	3
28 Houston	-29	-16	10
29 Northeast	-6	0	9
30 Piney Woods-North	-3	0	14
31 Piney Woods-South	-31	-17	3
32 Lower Rio Grande Valley	-21	-9	4
33 El Paso	-5	56	117
State	3	8	8

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

Table 7. Tract Size Changes in Texas Rural Land Sold, 1991-92

Land Market Area	Median Size (acres)		Shifts in Size		
			Change, 1991-92		
	1991	1992	acres	%	Test
1 Panhandle-North	635	480	-155	-24	
2 Panhandle-Central	290	320	30	10	
3 South Plains	175	165	-10	-6	
4 Permian-West	177	177	0	0	
5 Canadian Breaks	640	647	7	1	
6 Rolling Plains-North	284	184	-100	-35	
7 Rolling Plains-Central	157	191	34	22	**
8 Trans-Pecos	5,025	7,656	2,631	52	
9 Edwards Plateau-West	640	741	101	16	
10 Edwards Plateau-South	199	244	45	23	
11 Rio Grande Plains	516	703	187	36	
12 North Central Plains	173	168	-5	-3	
13 Crosstimbers	165	165	0	0	
14 Hill Country-North	217	197	-20	-9	
15 Hill Country-West	300	216	-84	-28	
16 Highland Lakes	178	194	16	9	
17 Hill Country-South	266	273	7	3	
18 San Antonio	99	100	1	1	
19 Coastal Prairie-North	79	82	3	4	
20 Coastal Prairie-South	129	147	18	14	
21 Coastal Prairie-Middle	100	118	18	18	
22 Texoma	77	97	20	26	*
23 Fort Worth Prairie	86	76	-10	-12	
24 Dallas Prairie	77	76	-1	-1	
25 Blacklands-North	107	109	2	2	
26 Blacklands-South	75	98	23	31	*
27 Brazos	80	86	6	8	
28 Houston	65	59	-6	-9	*
29 Northeast	70	73	3	4	
30 Piney Woods-North	95	98	3	3	
31 Piney Woods-South	82	99	17	21	
32 Lower Rio Grande Valley	55	46	-9	-16	
33 El Paso	79	178	99	125	
State	138	145	7	5	

Note: *Test* column shows the result of a Mann-Whitney test of the indicated changes.

*Indicates significance at the 95 percent level.

**Indicates significance at the 99 percent level.

All others showed no statistically verifiable trend.

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

Table 8. Acreage Distribution of Texas Rural Land Sales, 1992

Land Market Area	Number of Sales	Acres		
		Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile**
1 Panhandle-North	73	320	480	670
2 Panhandle-Central	107	160	320	636
3 South Plains	106	136	165	320
4 Permian-West	127	160	177	320
5 Canadian Breaks	NA	320	647	1,859
6 Rolling Plains-North	118	153	184	472
7 Rolling Plains-Central	186	120	191	335
8 Trans-Pecos	NA	3,803	7,656	11,041
9 Edwards Plateau-West	120	298	741	2389
10 Edwards Plateau-South	161	98	244	804
11 Rio Grande Plains	56	326	703	1741
12 North Central Plains	196	99	168	316
13 Crosstimbers	104	109	165	329
14 Hill Country-North	167	135	197	360
15 Hill Country-West	51	102	216	591
16 Highland Lakes	99	109	194	356
17 Hill Country-South	NA	168	273	721
18 San Antonio	138	59	100	197
19 Coastal Prairie-North	222	51	82	147
20 Coastal Prairie-South	154	81	147	305
21 Coastal Prairie-Middle	131	60	118	230
22 Texoma	199	51	97	200
23 Fort Worth Prairie	106	45	76	152
24 Dallas Prairie	137	47	76	127
25 Blacklands-North	243	65	109	202
26 Blacklands-South	183	60	98	174
27 Brazos	251	48	86	171
28 Houston	90	32	59	105
29 Northeast	219	47	73	136
30 Piney Woods-North	153	56	98	148
31 Piney Woods-South	32	64	99	144
32 Lower Rio Grande Valley	84	24	46	149
33 El Paso	NA	146	178	210
State	4,087	72	145	316

*25 percent of the sales had prices equal to or less than this price.

**75 percent of the sales had prices equal to or less than this price.

NA indicates fewer than 30 sales reported.

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

**Table 9. Confidence Intervals of 95 Percent for Tract Size
of Texas Rural Land, 1992**

Land Market Area	Number of Sales	Acres		
		Lower Limit	Median	Upper Limit
1 Panhandle-North	73	320	480	611
2 Panhandle-Central	107	313	320	340
3 South Plains	106	160	165	200
4 Permian-West	127	160	177	256
5 Canadian Breaks	NA	459	647	1,332
6 Rolling Plains-North	118	162	184	250
7 Rolling Plains-Central	186	162	191	240
8 Trans-Pecos	NA	3,803	7,656	9,968
9 Edwards Plateau-West	120	545	741	1,065
10 Edwards Plateau-South	161	187	244	362
11 Rio Grande Plains	56	390	703	988
12 North Central Plains	196	160	168	196
13 Crosstimbers	104	149	165	178
14 Hill Country-North	167	164	197	232
15 Hill Country-West	51	137	216	300
16 Highland Lakes	99	148	194	253
17 Hill Country-South	NA	168	273	700
18 San Antonio	138	84	100	122
19 Coastal Prairie-North	222	74	82	95
20 Coastal Prairie-South	154	119	147	174
21 Coastal Prairie-Middle	131	89	118	139
22 Texoma	199	79	97	113
23 Fort Worth Prairie	106	64	76	88
24 Dallas Prairie	137	59	76	94
25 Blacklands-North	243	100	109	123
26 Blacklands-South	183	85	98	106
27 Brazos	251	75	86	103
28 Houston	90	43	59	66
29 Northeast	219	62	73	78
30 Piney Woods-North	153	83	98	106
31 Piney Woods-South	32	65	99	116
32 Lower Rio Grande Valley	84	30	46	80
33 El Paso	NA	146	178	210
State	4,087	136	145	150

NA indicates fewer than 30 sales reported.

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

Appendix A

Inventory of Texas Rural Land and Estimated School Property Taxes

The following tables contain an inventory of all land in Texas that could qualify for open-space taxation in 1991. This land must be agricultural in character by legal definition. The information is reported each year to the Property Tax Division of the Office of the Comptroller for every school district in Texas. Thus, the listing contains the most exhaustive catalog of Texas rural land that is currently available. Examination of the inventory indicates that the **South Plains (LMA 3)**, where irrigated and nonirrigated cropland compose 65 percent of total acreage, has the highest concentration of cropland in Texas. The **Trans-Pecos (LMA 8)** contains the highest concentration of rangeland with 99 percent native pasture.

In addition to the inventory, school tax rolls also report school property taxes per acre. Taxes are reported for both open-space taxation based on productivity valuation and market value taxation. School taxes equal approximately half of all property taxes statewide. School district reports indicate estimated net income per acre and the appraisal district's estimated or assessed market value per acre for each type of land.

Analysis of those reports indicate that, at \$8.12 per acre, **El Paso (LMA 33)** has the highest tax on irrigated cropland in Texas. However, El Paso also has the highest valued farmland at \$6,116 per acre, and school taxes amount to 10 percent of estimated net income. At the opposite extreme, the **Hill Country-West (LMA 15)** has the lowest property tax on irrigated cropland at \$0.80 per acre. These taxes amount to approximately 9 percent of net income.

The highest rangeland school tax is collected in the **Piney Woods-South (LMA 31)**, amounting to approximately 10.13 percent of net income. The **Trans-Pecos (LMA 8)** region reports the lowest median school property tax on rangeland at \$0.07 per acre. The Trans-Pecos rangeland tax is approximately 8 percent of estimated net income.

The reported median taxes are provided for general guidance regarding expected school tax burdens for properties in Texas. They do not represent the actual burden for any particular farm or ranch. Individual property tax amounts depend on the value of the specific property in question and the tax rate for taxing agencies in the area.

Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes		Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
	Panhandle-North Land Market Area 1						
Barren land	0	0					
Improved pasture	209	0	0	1.23	9.73	13.81	877
Irrigated cropland	551,973	862	12	2.29	4.82	25.63	412
Native pasture	2,429,603	3,796	54	0.39	1.03	4.35	91
Nonirrigated cropland	1,558,143	2,435	34	1.11	2.48	12.52	214
Orchard	0	0					
Timber	0	0					
Other	1,034	2	0	5.41	0.02	59.08	2
Total	4,540,962	7,095	100				

Land Class	Area					Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	7,644	12	0	0.24	0.49	2.49	40
Improved pasture	27,628	43	1	0.40	1.10	5.03	111
Irrigated cropland	746,520	1,166	15	2.70	5.39	33.97	514
Native pasture	2,135,477	3,337	43	0.40	1.13	4.90	103
Nonirrigated cropland	2,092,226	3,269	42	1.33	2.42	16.02	237
Orchard	0		0				
Timber	0		0				
Other	0		0				
Total	5,009,495	7,827	100				

Land Class	Area					Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	168,461	263	4	0.35	0.64	4.25	56
Improved pasture	23,757	37	1	0.41	2.36	4.36	232
Irrigated cropland	799,754	1,250	17	3.61	6.53	40.68	612
Native pasture	1,442,754	2,254	31	0.33	1.03	3.84	92
Nonirrigated cropland	2,290,042	3,578	48	1.77	3.59	20.48	322
Orchard	0	0					
Timber	0	0					
Other	202	0	0	1.25	0.01	14.52	1
Total	4,724,970	7,383	100				

Permian-West Land Market Area 4						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	155,884	244	2	0.07	0.14	0.64	11
Improved pasture	67,338	105	1	0.57	1.63	5.64	143
Irrigated cropland	1,088,475	1,701	17	2.79	5.42	30.01	472
Native pasture	2,686,938	4,198	42	0.28	0.91	2.78	87
Nonirrigated cropland	2,374,386	3,710	37	1.38	3.02	14.61	270
Orchard	1,644	3	0	3.11	10.13	31.64	744
Timber	0	0					
Other	4,403	7	0	2.03	0.16	21.66	15
Total	6,379,068	10	100				

Canadian Breaks Land Market Area 5						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	9,946	31	1	0.06	0.93	0.62	75
Improved pasture	0		0				
Irrigated cropland	52,475	82	2	1.88	4.48	18.03	365
Native pasture	2,651,144	4,142	81	0.35	1.61	3.55	130
Nonirrigated cropland	532,506	832	16	1.11	2.59	10.62	222
Orchard	0	0					
Timber	0	0					
Other	6,070	9	0	0.97	0.01	9.28	1
Total	3,262,141	5,097	100				

Rolling Plains–North Land Market Area 6							
Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes		Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	113,545	177	2	0.06	0.43	0.62	47
Improved pasture	76,330	119	1	0.44	1.68	4.39	153
Irrigated cropland	63,570	99	1	1.66	3.30	20.79	305
Native pasture	4,530,546	7,079	73	0.27	0.92	3.28	93
Nonirrigated cropland	1,390,980	2,173	22	0.92	2.10	11.29	203
Orchard	128	0	0	0.54	2.00	6.22	190
Timber	0	0					
Other	25,090	39	0	1.13	0.00	15.00	0
Total	6,200,189	9,688	100				

Rolling Plains–Central Land Market Area 7							
Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes		Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	165,373	258	4	0.02	0.32	0.16	26
Improved pasture	145,185	227	4	1.01	3.81	10.42	317
Irrigated cropland	5,433	8	0	1.51	3.59	16.61	332
Native pasture	2,121,371	3,315	53	0.40	2.13	3.95	165
Nonirrigated cropland	1,583,098	2,474	39	1.50	5.11	14.36	412
Orchard	335	1	0	1.38	6.51	13.90	532
Timber	0	0					
Other	9,355	15	0	1.31	0.06	13.77	5
Total	4,030,150	6,297	100				

Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes		Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
	Barren land	2,674	4	0	0.01		
Improved pasture	12,501	20	0	0.30	0.85	3.49	80
Irrigated cropland	155,522	243	1	1.37	2.83	16.28	229
Native pasture	16,093,035	25,145	99	0.07	0.57	0.86	49
Nonirrigated cropland	0	0					
Orchard	1,961	3	0	1.87	3.09	21.82	250
Timber	0	0					
Other	0	0					
Total	16,265,693	25,415	100				

Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes		Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
	Barren land	119,939	187	1	0.02		
Improved pasture	25,855	40	0	0.44	3.29	6.00	364
Irrigated cropland	130,368	204	1	2.05	7.38	28.47	740
Native pasture	11,513,189	17,989	94	0.26	2.06	3.27	200
Nonirrigated cropland	479,302	749	4	0.90	4.56	9.63	413
Orchard	595	1	0	0.93	4.37	9.16	398
Timber	0	0					
Other	8,501	13	0	0.24	0.00	2.95	0
Total	12,277,749	19,184	100				

Edwards Plateau—South Land Market Area 10							
Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes		Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	290,674	454	7	0.34	5.73	3.93	508
Improved pasture	194,807	304	5	0.75	6.95	8.96	615
Irrigated cropland	203,868	319	5	2.98	10.08	32.81	814
Native pasture	3,078,183	4,810	75	0.52	5.18	5.92	448
Nonirrigated cropland	319,629	499	8	1.29	7.30	15.27	651
Orchard	11,141	17	0	4.06	14.52	46.11	1,269
Timber	0	0					
Other	0	0					
Total	4,098,302	6,404	100				

Rio Grande Plains Land Market Area 11							
Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes		Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	48,159	75	1	0.19	1.68	1.62	123
Improved pasture	380,725	595	4	0.81	6.00	6.72	403
Irrigated cropland	41,566	65	0	3.05	10.00	28.34	1,000
Native pasture	8,275,381	12,930	90	0.59	4.80	4.98	320
Nonirrigated cropland	226,549	354	2	1.74	6.00	13.45	470
Orchard	1,111	2	0	3.03	10.15	28.15	758
Timber	0	0					
Other	268,632	420	3	0.72	3.34	6.97	305
Total	9,242,123	14,441	100				

North Central Plains Land Market Area 12						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	57,965	91	1	0.11	1.43	1.33	150
Improved pasture	192,218	300	3	0.68	3.75	7.86	332
Irrigated cropland	61,710	96	1	1.96	5.49	23.66	437
Native pasture	5,059,809	7,906	70	0.40	2.85	4.11	252
Nonirrigated cropland	1,861,087	2,908	26	1.49	4.66	16.51	405
Orchard	1,959	3	0	3.09	7.98	35.7	754
Timber	0	0					
Other	6,094	10	0	0.28	0.04	3.45	3
Total	7,240,842	11,314	100				

Crosstimbers Land Market Area 13						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	179	0	0	0.23	0.27	2.49	20
Improved pasture	225,982	353	6	0.77	5.79	7.72	473
Irrigated cropland	29,471	46	1	3.25	8.32	40.01	750
Native pasture	2,755,254	4,305	75	0.54	4.73	5.98	411
Nonirrigated cropland	620,256	969	17	1.02	6.29	10.53	504
Orchard	11,127	17	0	2.17	6.85	23.82	571
Timber	0	0					
Other	20,408	32	1	1.77	0.11	19.62	10
Total	3,662,677	5,723	100				

Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes		Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
	Barren land	226	0	0	0.25		
Improved pasture	128,120	200	4	0.92	5.28	9.96	498
Irrigated cropland	7,511	12	0	2.23	8.79	23.48	742
Native pasture	2,367,338	3,699	83	0.58	4.65	7.15	442
Nonirrigated cropland	352,334	551	12	1.10	5.24	13.32	477
Orchard	8,845	14	0	3.40	11.61	37.70	1,147
Timber	0	0					
Other	0	0					
Total	2,864,374	4,476	100				

Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes		Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
	Barren land	0	0				
Improved pasture	98,596	154	7	0.60	6.34	6.72	553
Irrigated cropland	1,498	2	0	0.80	8.07	8.72	704
Native pasture	1,337,199	2,089	91	0.34	3.51	4.53	378
Nonirrigated cropland	16,408	26	1	0.60	7.56	6.70	682
Orchard	1,014	2	0	3.33	23.08	37.16	2,043
Timber	0	0					
Other	20,080	31	1	0.57	0.84	7.57	91
Total	1,474,795	2,304	100				

Highland Lakes Land Market Area 16						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	83,161	130	3	0.31	8.47	3.19	664
Improved pasture	111,424	174	5	1.03	10.10	9.96	839
Irrigated cropland	7,862	12	0	1.56	9.36	15.23	817
Native pasture	1,837,927	2,872	75	0.70	8.04	6.95	701
Nonirrigated cropland	62,475	98	3	1.05	9.43	9.80	772
Orchard	2,829	4	0	3.55	27.95	38.47	2,124
Timber	0	0					
Other	342,013	534	14	0.67	0.99	6.99	86
Total	2,447,691	3,825	100				

Hill Country-South Land Market Area 17						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	4,054	6	0	0.07	3.73	0.68	303
Improved pasture	43,965	69	3	0.75	12.31	8.19	1,043
Irrigated cropland	498	1	0	1.05	23.78	10.01	2,017
Native pasture	1,526,425	2,385	90	0.54	9.66	5.41	871
Nonirrigated cropland	41,816	65	2	0.98	13.01	11.67	1,095
Orchard	1,480	2	0	2.99	27.08	28.71	2,290
Timber	0	0					
Other	80,855	126	5	0.63	0.33	6.05	26
Total	1,699,093	2,655	100				

San Antonio Land Market Area 18						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	13,543	21	1	0.15	6.20	1.39	640
Improved pasture	655,424	1,024	26	1.05	18.99	10.57	1,358
Irrigated cropland	51,031	80	2	3.79	8.87	39.99	730
Native pasture	1,359,309	2,124	53	0.61	17.26	6.24	1,294
Nonirrigated cropland	459,254	718	18	1.82	23.17	15.98	1,699
Orchard	7,443	12	0	4.94	52.44	47.60	3,364
Timber	0	0					
Other	20,007	31	1	1.43	5.05	13.47	398
Total	2,566,011	4,009	100				

Coastal Prairie-North Land Market Area 19						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	50,891	80	2	0.25	7.84	2.63	685
Improved pasture	746,703	1,167	25	1.09	9.23	11.22	930
Irrigated cropland	150,125	235	5	2.46	9.06	27.04	768
Native pasture	1,830,180	2,860	62	0.75	8.33	8.54	820
Nonirrigated cropland	179,453	280	6	1.50	10.99	17.88	1,015
Orchard	1,739	3	0	1.66	14.58	19.57	1,428
Timber	3,541	6	0	3.15	37.35		
Other	0	0					
Total	2,962,632	4,629	100				

Land Class	Area					Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Coastal Prairie–South Land Market Area 20							
Barren land	160,068	250	4	0.32	3.14	3.73	278
Improved pasture	507,425	793	12	1.19	8.99	11.21	804
Irrigated cropland	1,385	2	0	3.99	61.27	39.71	4,900
Native pasture	1,924,458	3,007	47	0.61	7.22	6.07	629
Nonirrigated cropland	1,152,735	1,801	28	3.27	10.46	32.39	857
Orchard	163	0	0	2.95	12.37	31.12	982
Timber	0	0					
Other	389,966	609	9	3.30	8.07	31.86	678
Total	4,136,200	6,463	100				

Land Class	Area					Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Coastal Prairie–Middle Land Market Area 21							
Barren land	144,554	226	6	0.22	4.67	2.60	434
Improved pasture	65,061	102	3	1.11	8.83	12.45	793
Irrigated cropland	355,587	556	14	2.57	8.23	29.13	706
Native pasture	1,356,800	2,120	54	0.74	7.31	8.09	656
Nonirrigated cropland	587,519	918	23	2.56	8.68	27.98	743
Orchard	1,452	2	0	2.44	11.78	27.93	1,013
Timber	0	0					
Other	15,413	24	1	4.41	0.11	48.97	11
Total	2,526,386	3,947	100				

Land Class	Area					Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	17,464	27	1	0.26	6.31	2.55	527
Improved pasture	230,762	361	12	1.09	9.78	11.83	813
Irrigated cropland	4,249	7	0	2.60	15.44	29.13	1,233
Native pasture	1,236,072	1,931	62	0.80	8.58	8.19	768
Nonirrigated cropland	438,710	685	22	1.87	9.52	18.67	765
Orchard	2,242	4	0	2.10	16.24	19.70	1,206
Timber	0	0					
Other	58,691	92	3	0.72	0.80	8.10	70
Total	1,988,190	3,107	100				

Land Class	Area					Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	64,078	100	3	0.47	6.25	4.24	499
Improved pasture	358,707	560	16	1.26	9.87	10.58	775
Irrigated cropland	4,003	6	0	2.68	9.59	28.01	887
Native pasture	1,627,780	2,543	70	0.79	8.25	7.47	647
Nonirrigated cropland	249,483	390	11	1.67	9.61	17.40	765
Orchard	6,720	11	0	2.93	15.78	30.79	1,150
Timber	0	0					
Other	421	1	0	3.21	0.02	31.04	2
Total	2,311,192	3,611	100				

Dallas Prairie Land Market Area 24						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	32,134	50	1	0.49	12.29	4.46	895
Improved pasture	648,619	1,013	23	1.33	23.43	13.07	1,838
Irrigated cropland	808	1	0	1.37	11.58	15.13	1,004
Native pasture	1,354,611	2,117	48	0.91	20.11	8.09	1,508
Nonirrigated cropland	737,309	1,152	26	2.58	23.67	24.70	1,954
Orchard	5,824	9	0	4.35	20.30	39.97	1,597
Timber	8,333	13	0	1.80	18.32		
Other	12,410	19	0	2.34	0.08	26.14	7
Total	2,800,048	4,375	100				

Blacklands-North Land Market Area 25						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	29,031	45	1	0.33	5.07	3.57	474
Improved pasture	890,037	1,391	19	1.20	7.01	14.32	625
Irrigated cropland	4,132	6	0	2.70	10.39	28.64	998
Native pasture	2,531,344	3,955	54	0.78	6.18	8.77	566
Nonirrigated cropland	1,172,274	1,832	25	1.79	7.61	20.83	706
Orchard	1,681	3	0	2.67	12.14	28.64	1,000
Timber	217	0	0	3.27	37.33		
Other	16,105	25	0	0.35	0.07	3.92	6
Total	4,644,821	7,258	100				

Blacklands-South Land Market Area 26						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	85,920	134	3	0.34	8.42	3.11	654
Improved pasture	614,063	959	22	1.02	15.98	10.85	1,123
Irrigated cropland	1,364	2	0	3.44	24.52	29.46	1,736
Native pasture	1,505,652	2,353	54	0.66	14.62	6.02	951
Nonirrigated cropland	510,342	797	18	2.33	16.44	22.86	1,140
Orchard	2,699	4	0	4.24	16.20	41.53	1,276
Timber	713	1	0	2.15	20.54		
Other	66,822	104	2	7.01	0.55	52.04	36
Total	2,787,575	4,356	100				

Brazos Land Market Area 27						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	125,423	196	4	0.33	7.32	3.43	700
Improved pasture	682,977	1,067	24	0.94	11.03	10.35	991
Irrigated cropland	35,901	56	1	2.88	11.07	35.98	945
Native pasture	1,640,721	2,564	59	0.64	10.07	7.29	881
Nonirrigated cropland	78,412	123	3	1.94	11.05	21.65	996
Orchard	1,754	3	0	2.78	17.48	29.57	1,580
Timber	76,865	120	3	2.17	23.80		
Other	159,542	249	6	0.47	4.52	5.11	306
Total	2,801,595	4,377	100				

Houston Land Market Area 28						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	47,990	75	1	0.60	16.77	5.36	1,326
Improved pasture	329,564	515	8	1.66	31.45	15.42	2,338
Irrigated cropland	513,672	803	13	2.88	17.32	27.20	1,287
Native pasture	1,909,082	2,983	48	1.00	20.16	8.72	1,511
Nonirrigated cropland	394,603	617	10	2.02	28.33	18.68	1,959
Orchard	8,207	13	0	5.27	31.03	43.66	2,276
Timber	787,939	1,231	20	2.90	11.16	27.43	879
Other	19,773	31	0	4.95	0.20	44.96	14
Total	4,010,830	6,267	100				

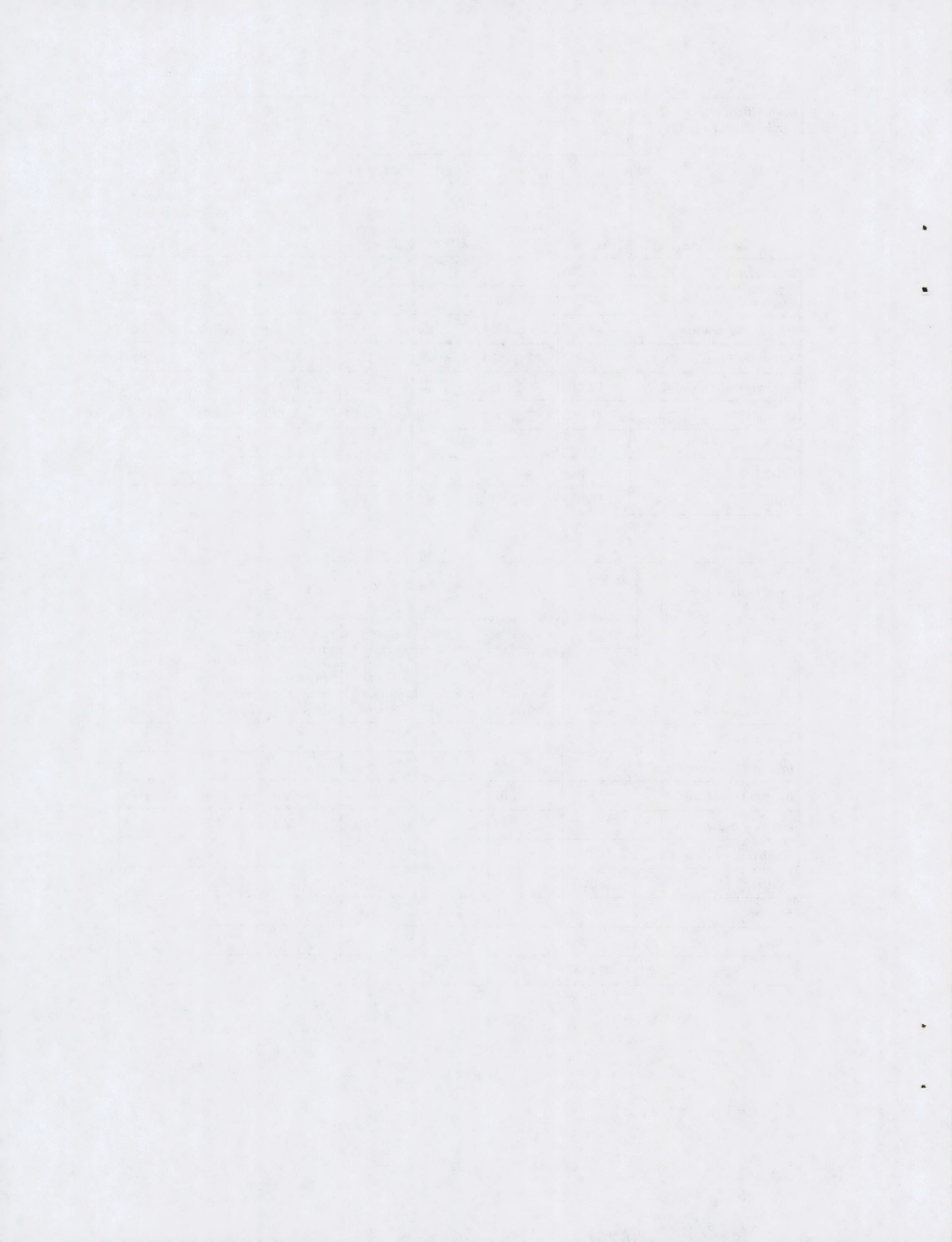
Northeast Land Market Area 29						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
Land Class	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)		
Barren land	32,639	51	1	0.15	0.94	1.74	83
Improved pasture	1,030,821	1,611	27	1.08	7.99	12.45	716
Irrigated cropland	4,376	7	0	3.12	3.64	37.35	350
Native pasture	1,388,295	2,169	36	0.79	7.38	9.00	645
Nonirrigated cropland	289,328	452	8	1.48	9.05	16.45	816
Orchard	2,288	4	0	2.41	13.21	28.22	1,299
Timber	1,005,865	1,572	26	1.36	3.83	14.40	376
Other	95,666	149	2	1.74	0.80	18.50	80
Total	3,849,278	6,014	100				

Piney Woods–North Land Market Area 30						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	63,895	100	1	0.87	5.63	8.72	527
Improved pasture	1,032,277	1,613	21	1.11	9.11	11.83	730
Irrigated cropland	0	0					
Native pasture	1,645,059	2,570	34	0.76	8.67	8.03	712
Nonirrigated cropland	64,002	100	1	1.11	10.02	11.21	790
Orchard	3,892	6	0	2.68	14.25	27.39	1,145
Timber	2,045,610	3,196	42	1.98	13.63	21.18	1,073
Other	15,719	25	0	0.29	0.21	3.73	18
Total	4,870,454	7,610	100				

Piney Woods–South Land Market Area 31						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)
	Area			School Property Taxes			
	Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)		
Barren land	1,188	2	0	2.56	10.97	24.85	835
Improved pasture	142,000	222	4	1.54	11.10	17.43	961
Irrigated cropland	0	0					
Native pasture	387,032	605	12	1.02	10.07	11.20	891
Nonirrigated cropland	2,385	4	0	2.88	11.35	30.18	1,101
Orchard	25	0	0	3.29	12.23	47.68	1,422
Timber	2,658,527	4,154	82	2.33	9.46	25.85	717
Other	70,495	110	2	2.48	25.41	25.57	1,993
Total	3,261,652	5,096	100				

Lower Rio Grande Valley Land Market Area 32						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)	
		Area			School Property Taxes			
		Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)			Market Value (\$/acre)
Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)	Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)	
Barren land	9,505	15	1	0.26	2.95	2.49	246	
Improved pasture	130,938	205	9	2.35	21.97	23.35	1,898	
Irrigated cropland	458,547	716	30	5.70	25.78	60.60	2,029	
Native pasture	473,942	741	31	0.80	12.08	7.60	980	
Nonirrigated cropland	400,801	626	27	3.62	10.14	36.73	883	
Orchard	34,092	53	2	6.56	36.01	67.89	2,881	
Timber	0	0						
Other	3,318	5	0	0.60	1.56	5.54	117	
Total	1,511,143	2,361	100					

El Paso Land Market Area 33						Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)	
		Area			School Property Taxes			
		Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)			Market Value (\$/acre)
Land Class	Acres	Square Miles	Percent of Total	Open Space (\$/acre)	Market Value (\$/acre)	Estimated Net Income (\$/acre)	Assessed Market Value (\$/acre)	
Barren land	0	0						
Improved pasture	0	0						
Irrigated cropland	42,694	67	38	8.12	82.16	80.92	6,116	
Native pasture	63,402	99	57	0.13	5.75	1.25	458	
Nonirrigated cropland	0	0						
Orchard	5,257	8	5	10.35	111.16	82.35	8,213	
Timber	0	0						
Other	284	0	0	4.53	0.07	41.77	5	
Total	111,637	174	100					



Appendix B

Texas Land Market Areas by Counties

Land Market Area 1

Dallam
Hansford
Hartley
Moore
Ochiltree
Sherman

Land Market Area 2

Armstrong
Briscoe
Carson
Castro
Deaf Smith
Gray
Parmer
Randall
Swisher

Land Market Area 3

Borden
Crosby
Dawson
Floyd
Garza
Hale
Lubbock
Lynn

Land Market Area 4

Andrews
Bailey
Cochran
Ector
Gaines
Hockley
Howard
Lamb
Martin
Midland
Terry
Yoakum

Land Market Area 5

Hemphill
Hutchinson
Lipscomb
Oldham
Potter
Roberts

Land Market Area 6

Childress
Collingsworth
Cottle
Dickens
Donley
Hall
Kent
King
Motley
Stonewall
Wheeler

Land Market Area 7

Fisher
Jones
Mitchell
Nolan
Runnels
Scurry
Taylor

Land Market Area 8

Brewster
Crane
Culberson
Hudspeth
Jeff Davis
Loving
Pecos
Presidio
Reeves
Terrell
Ward
Winkler

Land Market Area 9

Coke
Concho
Crockett
Edwards
Glasscock
Irion
Kinney
Reagan
Schleicher
Sterling
Sutton
Tom Green
Upton
Val Verde

Land Market Area 10

Frio
Maverick
Medina
Uvalde
Zavala

Land Market Area 11

Brooks
Dimmit
Duval
Jim Hogg
Kenedy
La Salle
McMullen
Starr
Webb
Zapata

Land Market Area 12

Archer
Baylor
Clay
Foard
Hardeman
Haskell
Jack
Knox
Shackelford
Stephens
Throckmorton
Wichita
Wilbarger
Young

Land Market Area 13

Brown
Callahan
Coleman
Comanche
Eastland
Erath

Land Market Area 14

Hamilton
McCulloch
Mills
Lampasas
San Saba

Land Market Area 15

Kimble
Menard
Real

Land Market Area 16

Burnet
Gillespie
Llano
Mason

Land Market Area 17

Bandera
Blanco
Kendall
Kerr

Land Market Area 18

Atascosa
Bexar
Comal
Guadalupe
Karnes
Wilson

Land Market Area 19

Colorado
DeWitt
Fayette
Gonzales
Lavaca

Land Market Area 20

Aransas
Bee
Goliad
Jim Wells
Kleberg
Live Oak
Nueces
Refugio
San Patricio

Land Market Area 21

Calhoun
Jackson
Matagorda
Victoria
Wharton

Land Market Area 22

Cooke
Fannin
Grayson
Montague

Land Market Area 23

Hood
Johnson

Palo Pinto
Parker
Somervell
Tarrant
Wise

Land Market Area 24

Collin
Dallas
Denton
Ellis
Hunt
Kaufman
Rains
Rockwall
Van Zandt

Land Market Area 25

Bell
Bosque
Coryell
Falls
Freestone
Hill
Limestone
McLennan
Navarro

Land Market Area 26

Bastrop
Caldwell
Hays
Lee
Milam
Travis
Williamson

Land Market Area 27

Brazos
Burlison
Grimes
Leon
Madison
Robertson
Washington

Land Market Area 28

Austin
Brazoria
Chambers
Fort Bend
Galveston
Hardin

Harris
Jefferson
Liberty
Montgomery
Orange
San Jacinto
Walker
Waller

Land Market Area 29

Bowie
Camp
Cass
Delta
Franklin
Hopkins
Lamar
Marion
Morris
Red River
Titus
Upshur
Wood

Land Market Area 30

Anderson
Cherokee
Gregg
Harrison
Henderson
Houston
Nacogdoches
Panola
Rusk
Shelby
Smith

Land Market Area 31

Angelina
Jasper
Newton
Polk
Sabine
San Augustine
Trinity
Tyler

Land Market Area 32

Cameron
Hidalgo
Willacy

Land Market Area 33

El Paso

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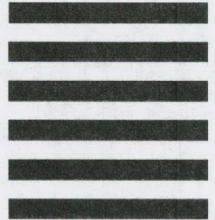
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