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## LAND USE

Although county governments in Texas do not exercise land use control, it is important to know how the land is being used, how the uses have changed and what might be expected in the future. The county is comprised of 562,560 acres of land. Over the past twenty years residential development has increased more than six times. Even with all the residential development, the county is still primarily agricultural. The following table gives an overview of the land use distribution in the county over the past twenty years and a general estimate of the changes that may occur.

### LAND USE (ACRES)

Type	1996	1990	1970
Residential	31,671	22,320	5,443
Single family	29,755		
Multi-family	506		
Mobile homes	1,410		
Commercial	5,382	3,385	3,331
Industrial	4,519	4,500	
Educational	1,122	1,100	
Parks and Open Space	8,025	7,640	4,897
Resource	5,475	5,475	
Production			
Government	5,358	N/A	
Roads and ROW	5,310	5,310	
Agricultural, Including Undeveloped and Vacant	466,864	510,000	528,094
Water	7,163	7,140	7,958
Total Acres	562,560	562,560	562,560
Sources: H-GRTS 1990, 1996 and Farm Bureau, 1997			

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