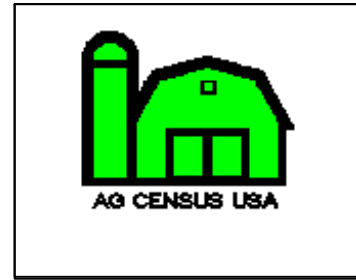


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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 8,450,823 acres in 1992 to 8,704,385 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 223 acres in 1992 to 210 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 15,712 farms in 1992 to 15,568 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

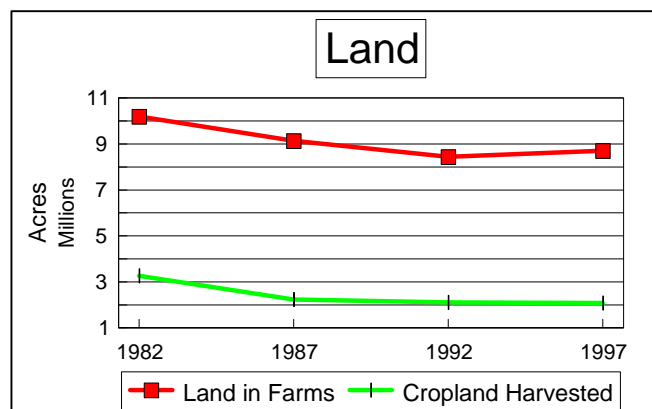
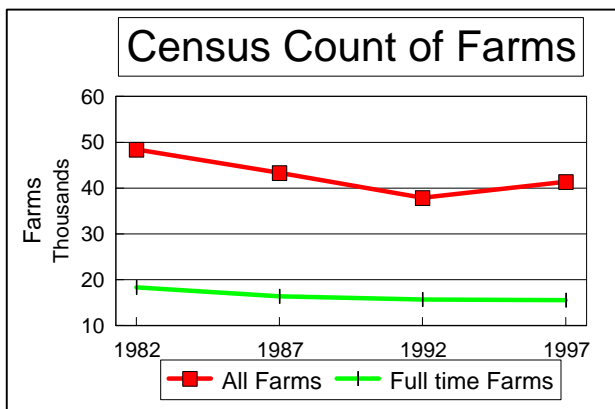
Increased 31 percent to \$3,098,989,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 20 percent from \$62,503 in 1992 to \$74,884 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,098,989	24	50
Value of livestock and poultry	2,466,010	15	50
Value of crops including nursery	632,978	34	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Poultry & poultry products	2,030,608	4	50
Cattle and calves	285,197	29	50
Nursery and greenhouse crops	178,216	16	50
Cotton, cottonseed	177,785	10	18
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	111,719	15	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	871,123,702	3	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	17,488,357	9	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	775,662	11	50
Cattle and calves sold	767,806	26	50
Hogs and pigs sold	380,853	24	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	134,027,304	3	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	10,703,589	12	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	2,729,256	9	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	2,443,136	10	50
Cattle and calves inventory	1,530,566	24	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Hay crops-acres	778,602	27	50
Cotton-acres	433,160	9	18
Soybeans for beans-acres	316,019	26	42
Corn for grain-acres	230,484	27	48
Peanuts-acres	181,393	3	16

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	28,505	24,105	18
\$10,000 or more	12,879	13,800	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,509,917	1,930,063	30
Average per farmdollars..	60,661	50,912	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	490,081	381,882	28
Average per farmdollars..	11,844	10,073	18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	37,697	34,257	10
Partnership or corporation	3,469	3,509	-1
Other	218	139	57
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	15,568	15,712	-1
Other	25,816	22,193	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	37,865	35,019	8
Female	3,519	2,886	22
Operators by race:			
White	39,658	36,370	9
Black and other races	1,726	1,535	12
Average age of operator	54.9	54.8	0

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.