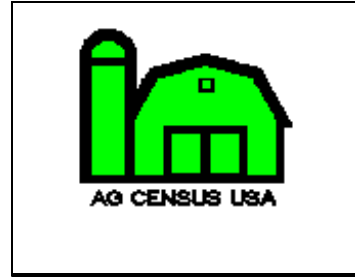


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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 99,466 acres in 1992 to 98,746 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 156 acres in 1992 to 149 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 253 farms in 1992 to 233 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

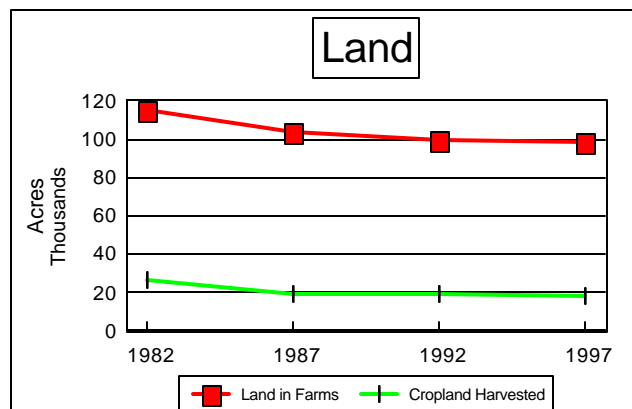
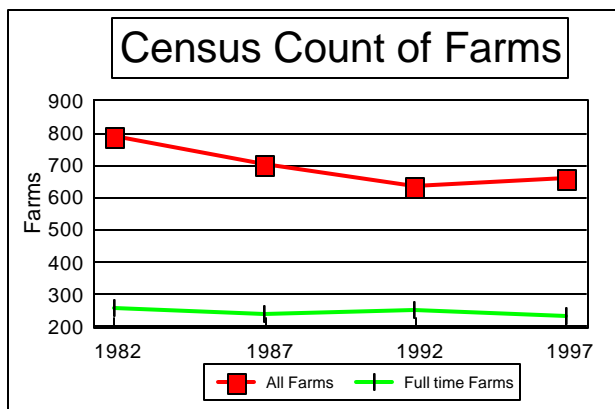
Decreased 22 percent to \$9,449,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 25 percent from \$18,914 in 1992 to \$14,252 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	9,449	56	67	2,534	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	5,882	34	67	2,049	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,567	60	67	2,508	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	3,238	1	66	191	2,547
Cattle and calves	3,121	39	67	1,826	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	582	32	64	1,266	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	513	8	67	733	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	480	10	67	1,649	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	37,589	8	52	132	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	9,184	35	67	1,675	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	40	67	1,646	2,976
All goats sold	327	9	65	306	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	84	29	67	1,102	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	20,546	29	67	1,511	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	10,933	7	64	146	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	36	67	1,581	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	567	25	67	1,425	3,066
All goat inventory	535	18	67	449	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,064	23	67	1,611	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	2,644	3	66	180	2,693
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,124	38	58	1,563	2,144
Cotton-acres	(D)	42	57	486	713
Corn for grain-acres	774	51	67	1,932	2,691

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	503	465	8
\$10,000 or more	160	172	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,269	9,770	-5
Average per farmdollars..	13,959	15,313	-9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,291	1,992	-35
Average per farmdollars..	1,944	3,122	-38
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	631	603	5
Partnership or corporation	29	33	-12
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	233	253	-8
Other	430	384	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	600	599	0
Female	63	38	66
Operators by race:			
White	643	628	2
Black and other races	20	9	122
Average age of operator	55.7	56.8	-2

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

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.