

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 166,490 acres in 1992 to 180,056 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Unchanged from 200 acres in 1992 to 200 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 397 farms in 1992 to 350 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

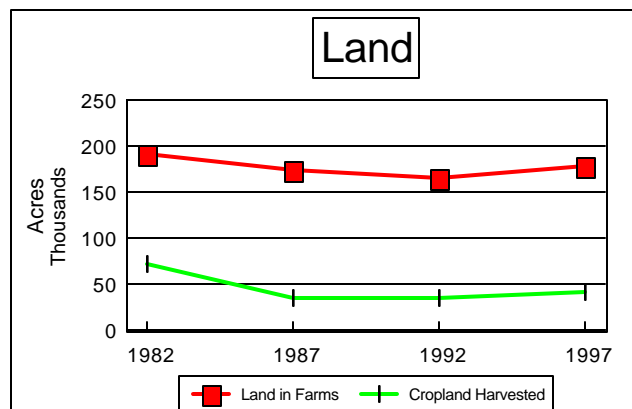
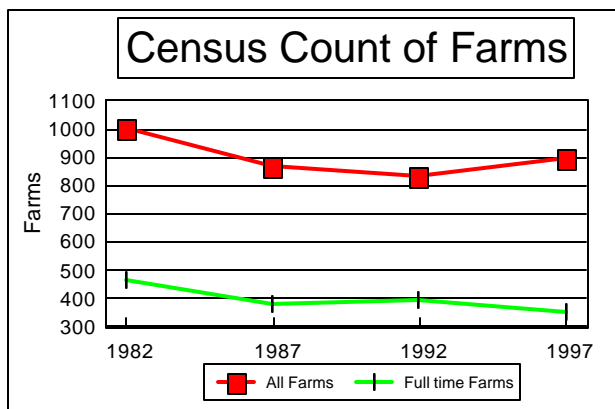
Increased 46 percent to \$65,735,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 35 percent from \$54,020 in 1992 to \$73,120 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

| Item                                                        | Quantity   | State |           | U.S.  |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|                                                             |            | Rank  | Universe* | Rank  | Universe* |
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b> |            |       |           |       |           |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                   | 65,735     | 10    | 67        | 891   | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 46,182     | 19    | 67        | 569   | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 19,553     | 8     | 67        | 1,278 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |            |       |           |       |           |
| Poultry & poultry products                                  | 38,130     | 20    | 66        | 167   | 2,901     |
| Cotton, cottonseed                                          | 7,241      | 10    | 57        | 186   | 709       |
| Cattle and calves                                           | 6,493      | 13    | 67        | 1,252 | 3,063     |
| Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc                         | 6,344      | 8     | 51        | 194   | 2,237     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | (D)        | 11    | 64        | 439   | 2,790     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |            |       |           |       |           |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold                  | 19,296,380 | 17    | 51        | 104   | 1,882     |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | (D)        | 18    | 52        | 296   | 2,203     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 17,582     | 12    | 67        | 1,118 | 3,063     |
| Hogs and pigs sold                                          | 2,098      | 29    | 67        | 1,536 | 2,976     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | (D)        | 32    | 52        | 778   | 2,200     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |            |       |           |       |           |
| Broiler inventory                                           | 3,189,110  | 14    | 62        | 100   | 2,620     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 223,684    | 13    | 67        | 275   | 3,002     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 33,414     | 13    | 67        | 1,012 | 3,064     |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory                  | (D)        | 20    | 55        | 319   | 2,549     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | (D)        | 23    | 64        | 513   | 2,884     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |            |       |           |       |           |
| Cotton-acres                                                | 14,192     | 14    | 57        | 219   | 713       |
| Hay crops-acres                                             | 10,862     | 26    | 67        | 1,630 | 3,061     |
| Peanuts-acres                                               | 9,457      | 8     | 35        | 52    | 466       |
| Corn for grain-acres                                        | 2,393      | 34    | 67        | 1,586 | 2,691     |
| All nursery-acres                                           | (D)        | 3     | 64        | 132   | 2,619     |

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

| Item                                           | 1997   | 1992   | Percent Change |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|----------------|
| <b>Farms by value of sales:</b>                |        |        |                |
| Less than \$10,000 .....                       | 623    | 497    | 25             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 276    | 334    | -17            |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 52,937 | 36,467 | 45             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 58,950 | 43,831 | 34             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 10,017 | 6,872  | 46             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 11,155 | 8,260  | 35             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 826    | 728    | 13             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 68     | 100    | -32            |
| Other .....                                    | 5      | 3      | 67             |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 350    | 397    | -12            |
| Other .....                                    | 549    | 434    | 26             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 804    | 777    | 3              |
| Female .....                                   | 95     | 54     | 76             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 885    | 813    | 9              |
| Black and other races .....                    | 14     | 18     | -22            |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 56.2   | 55.7   | 1              |

(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.