

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 85,872 acres in 1992 to 87,056 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 237 acres in 1992 to 229 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 177 farms in 1992 to 153 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

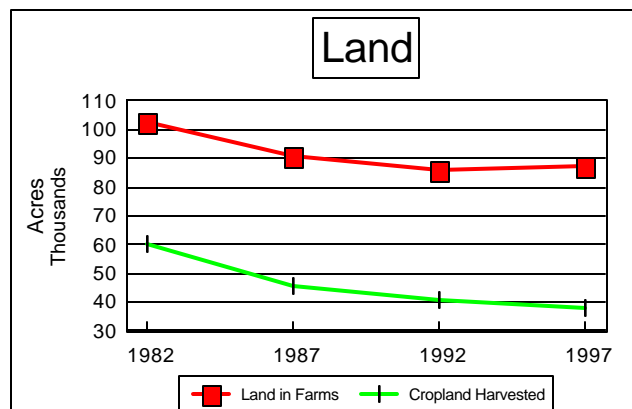
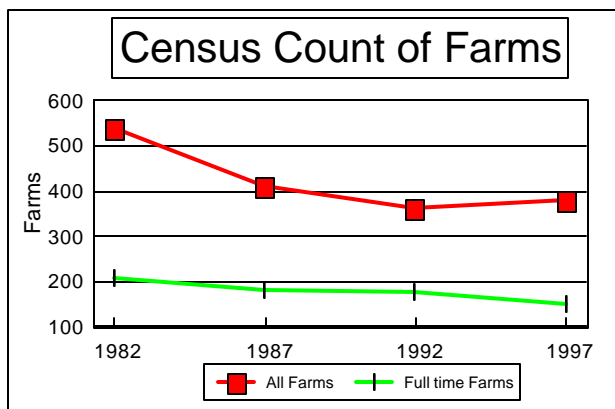
Increased 22 percent to \$18,348,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 16 percent from \$41,581 in 1992 to \$48,285 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	18,348	47	67	2,171	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	14,741	16	67	1,490	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,608	59	67	2,501	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	10,762	2	57	139	709
Cattle and calves	2,421	52	67	2,018	3,063
Corn for grain	1,213	16	67	1,279	2,582
Soybeans	954	15	58	1,192	2,136
Aquaculture	(D)	9	63	136	1,505
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	28,018	10	52	154	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	7,007	51	67	1,890	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	795	45	67	1,890	2,976
All goats sold	214	14	65	443	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	39	52	1,413	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	24,039	6	64	84	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	12,727	52	67	1,930	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	965	37	67	1,625	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	692	39	67	1,425	3,002
All goat inventory	444	25	67	544	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	21,522	7	57	170	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	5,981	17	58	1,156	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	4,552	16	67	1,351	2,691
Hay crops-acres	4,423	64	67	2,367	3,061
Wheat-acres	3,380	7	58	1,228	2,612

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	242	213	14
\$10,000 or more	138	149	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,803	11,653	18
Average per farmdollars..	36,323	32,190	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,004	3,062	-2
Average per farmdollars..	7,904	8,459	-7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	351	321	9
Partnership or corporation	24	36	-33
Other	5	5	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	153	177	-14
Other	227	185	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	353	345	2
Female	27	17	59
Operators by race:			
White	352	350	1
Black and other races	28	12	133
Average age of operator	55.1	56.8	-3

(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.