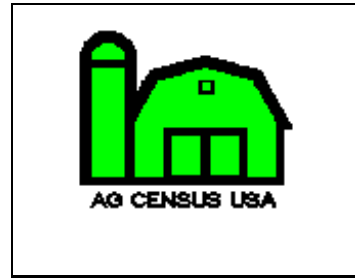


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Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 85,821 acres in 1992 to 94,970 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 111 acres in 1992 to 105 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 262 farms in 1992 to 288 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

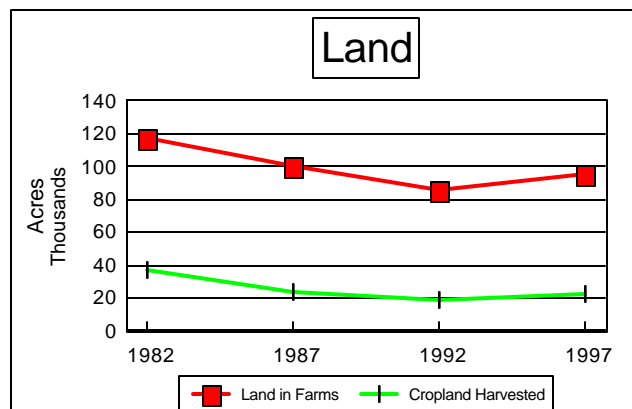
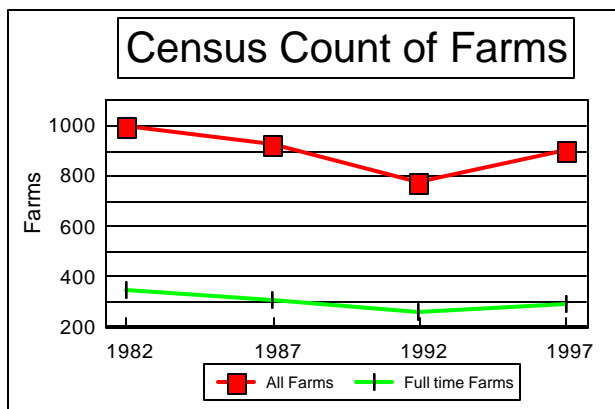
Increased 68 percent to \$54,944,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 44 percent from \$42,155 in 1992 to \$60,779 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	54,944	18	67	1,086	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	51,546	14	67	490	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,399	41	67	2,308	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	44,619	14	66	136	2,901
Cattle and calves	5,001	23	67	1,462	3,063
Dairy products	1,299	14	52	1,284	2,563
Cotton, cottonseed	1,280	28	57	363	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	732	26	64	1,137	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	24,063,016	9	51	76	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	26	52	388	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	7	52	112	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	12,701	24	67	1,399	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,726	38	67	1,619	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	3,568,735	11	62	90	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	82,960	25	67	458	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	24,613	23	67	1,337	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	12	64	213	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,424	6	67	423	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	13,822	14	67	1,376	3,061
Cotton-acres	3,072	28	57	377	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,528	25	58	1,353	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,618	40	67	1,710	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	891	3	65	1,124	2,473

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	675	562	20
\$10,000 or more	229	212	8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	44,219	27,613	60
Average per farmdollars..	48,969	35,676	37
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,074	4,941	63
Average per farmdollars..	8,941	6,384	40
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	859	717	20
Partnership or corporation	42	56	-25
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	288	262	10
Other	616	512	20
Operators by sex:			
Male	838	711	18
Female	66	63	5
Operators by race:			
White	896	770	16
Black and other races	8	4	100
Average age of operator	54.6	55.6	-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.