

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 130,063 acres in 1992 to 128,437 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 170 acres in 1992 to 154 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased slightly from 306 farms in 1992 to 307 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

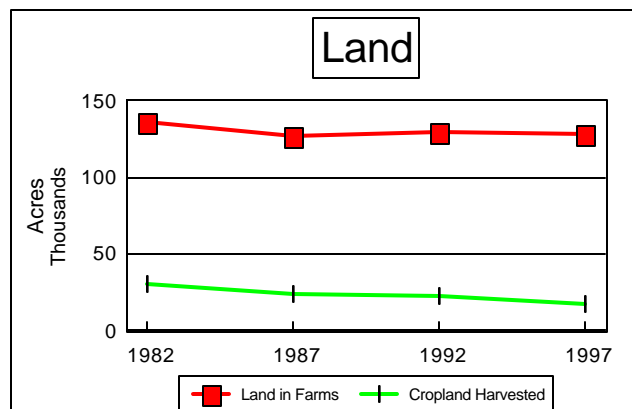
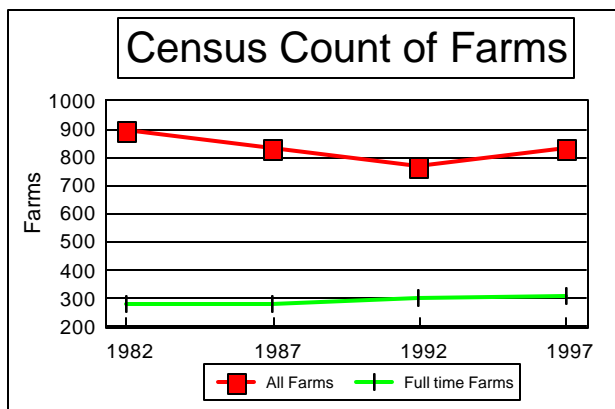
Increased 82 percent to \$90,361,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 68 percent from \$64,660 in 1992 to \$108,477 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	90,361	7	67	597	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	89,257	6	67	226	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,104	57	67	2,704	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	81,628	6	66	61	2,901
Cattle and calves	5,430	19	67	1,408	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	6	52	1,047	2,563
Cotton, cottonseed	254	46	57	515	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	38	64	1,710	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	36,746,981	6	51	51	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	14	52	236	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	14,614	18	67	1,265	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	50	67	2,106	2,976
All goats sold	108	29	65	856	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	5,473,661	6	62	61	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	249,945	11	67	264	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	11	46	186	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	30,497	16	67	1,113	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	549	27	67	1,479	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	14,241	13	67	1,347	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,219	43	67	1,797	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	862	41	58	1,613	2,144
Cotton-acres	738	46	57	520	713
Corn for silage-acres	687	7	65	1,263	2,473

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 .....	581	500	16
\$10,000 or more .....	252	267	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	72,023	41,405	74
Average per farm .....dollars..	86,462	53,983	60
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	15,368	7,189	114
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,449	9,373	97
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	768	708	8
Partnership or corporation .....	60	58	3
Other .....	5	1	400
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	307	306	0
Other .....	526	461	14
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	762	707	8
Female .....	71	60	18
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	822	754	9
Black and other races .....	11	13	-15
Average age of operator .....	54.2	54.8	-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.