

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 191,810 acres in 1992 to 198,215 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 255 acres in 1992 to 287 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 405 farms in 1992 to 329 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

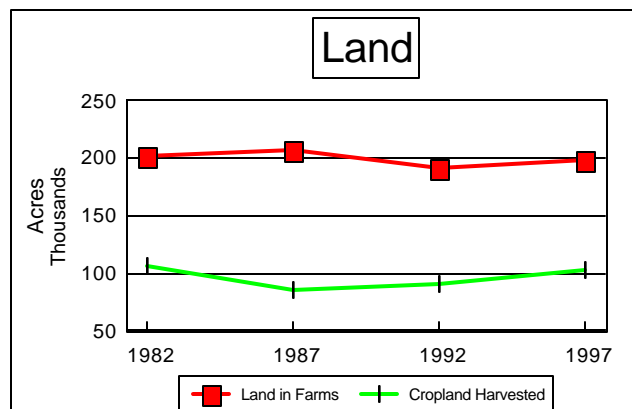
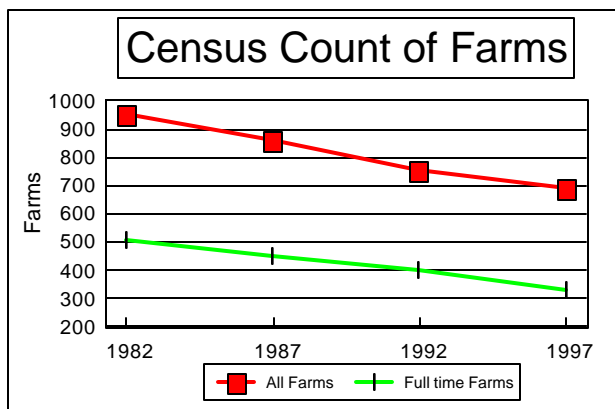
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 9 percent from \$75,118 in 1992 to \$81,579 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	56,290	17	67	1,057	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	38,217	3	67	757	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	18,072	34	67	1,355	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	21,837	1	51	65	2,237
Poultry & poultry products	10,662	33	66	419	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	8,495	6	57	168	709
Cattle and calves	5,423	20	67	1,410	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,626	1	67	233	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	820,000	42	51	474	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	96,100	28	52	477	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	14,406	19	67	1,279	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,268	23	67	1,387	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	37	52	1,175	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	123,020	42	62	489	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	109,487	23	67	406	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	31,707	15	67	1,067	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,128	23	67	1,323	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	33	64	881	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Peanuts-acres	39,899	1	35	2	466
Cotton-acres	27,910	1	57	127	713
Hay crops-acres	10,738	28	67	1,647	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	9,265	4	67	1,110	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,607	12	58	1,087	2,144

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 .....	354	294	20
\$10,000 or more .....	336	459	-27
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	48,778	44,453	10
Average per farm .....dollars..	70,796	59,114	20
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,805	11,806	-51
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,426	15,700	-46
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	622	667	-7
Partnership or corporation .....	67	84	-20
Other .....	1	2	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	329	405	-19
Other .....	361	348	4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	645	725	-11
Female .....	45	28	61
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	674	729	-8
Black and other races .....	16	24	-33
Average age of operator .....	55.5	53.7	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.