

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 16 percent from 35,748 acres in 1992 to 41,333 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 92 acres in 1992 to 97 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 123 farms in 1992 to 131 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

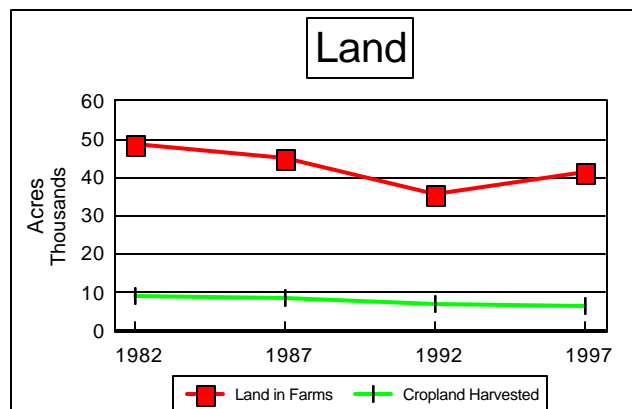
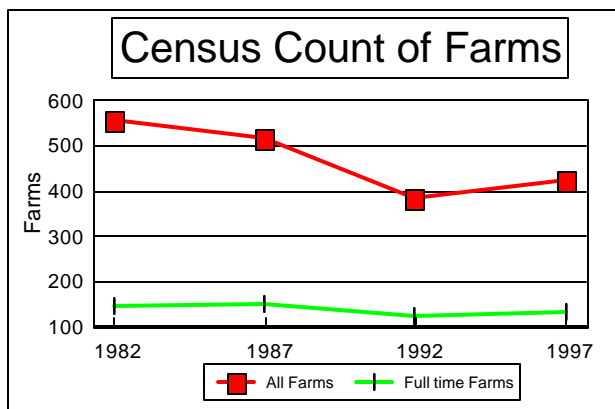
Increased 232 percent to \$16,049,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 202 percent from \$12,478 in 1992 to \$37,673 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	16,049	48	67	2,251	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	12,937	39	67	1,643	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,111	43	67	2,359	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	32	66	411	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,298	16	64	652	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,115	65	67	2,492	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	438	15	67	1,729	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	343	12	67	883	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	46	51	589	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	3,079	66	67	2,470	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,336	41	67	1,719	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	33	52	933	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	177	12	67	425	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	46	62	585	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	6,816	67	67	2,418	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	952	17	67	798	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	704	43	67	1,744	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	500	37	64	1,014	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,324	54	67	2,111	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	235	19	67	900	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	50	50	66	1,411	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	37	67	67	2,498	2,691
All nursery-acres	26	47	64	1,766	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 .....	353	304	16
\$10,000 or more .....	73	83	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	10,574	4,582	131
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,881	11,809	111
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,342	207	1998
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,217	534	1813
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	385	345	12
Partnership or corporation .....	36	40	-10
Other .....	5	2	150
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	131	123	7
Other .....	295	264	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	396	360	10
Female .....	30	27	11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	409	364	12
Black and other races .....	17	23	-26
Average age of operator .....	57.3	56.8	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.