

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 48,022 acres in 1992 to 46,903 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 271 acres in 1992 to 265 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 57 farms in 1992 to 58 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

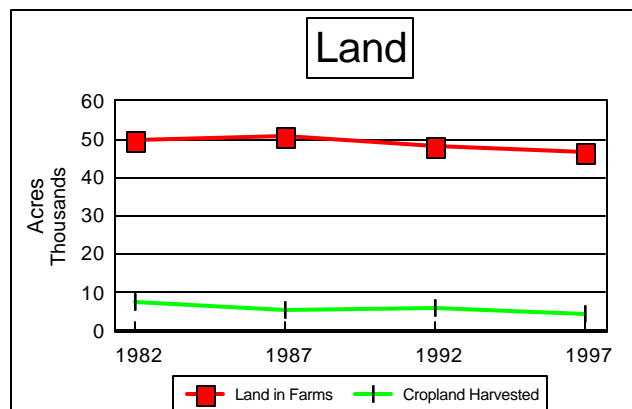
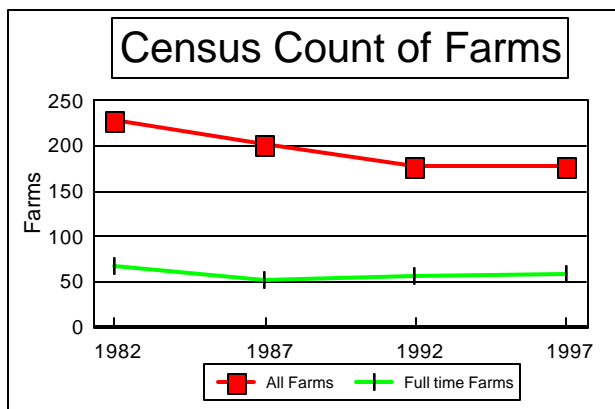
Decreased 18 percent to \$2,150,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 18 percent from \$14,879 in 1992 to \$12,149 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 | 2,150 | 65 | 67 | 2,936 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 1,903 | 65 | 67 | 2,744 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 247 | 67 | 67 | 2,966 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 1,685 | 60 | 67 | 2,274 | 3,063 |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds | 203 | 52 | 67 | 2,349 | 3,043 |
| Dairy products | (D) | 41 | 52 | 2,084 | 2,563 |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons | (D) | 46 | 67 | 1,735 | 2,739 |
| Horses and ponies | (D) | 67 | 67 | 2,778 | 3,015 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 4,302 | 61 | 67 | 2,273 | 3,063 |
| All goats sold | 46 | 54 | 65 | 1,505 | 2,686 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | (D) | 66 | 67 | 2,792 | 2,976 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 11 | 66 | 67 | 2,702 | 3,015 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | (D) | 41 | 51 | 2,653 | 2,765 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 8,242 | 62 | 67 | 2,309 | 3,064 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 173 | 67 | 67 | 2,660 | 3,066 |
| All goat inventory | 114 | 59 | 67 | 1,638 | 2,983 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 41 | 64 | 67 | 2,840 | 3,002 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | (D) | 44 | 58 | 2,658 | 2,864 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 4,252 | 65 | 67 | 2,395 | 3,061 |
| Corn for silage-acres | (D) | 26 | 65 | 1,812 | 2,473 |
| Corn for grain-acres | 81 | 66 | 67 | 2,399 | 2,691 |
| Field seeds-acres | (D) | 29 | 50 | 691 | 1,212 |
| Land used for vegetables-acres | 47 | 43 | 67 | 1,576 | 2,741 |

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 | 142 | 131 | 8 |
| \$10,000 or more | 35 | 46 | -24 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 1,937 | 2,383 | -19 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 10,945 | 13,464 | -19 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 167 | (59) | 383 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 944 | (332) | 384 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 161 | 158 | 2 |
| Partnership or corporation | 14 | 18 | -22 |
| Other | 2 | 1 | 100 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 58 | 57 | 2 |
| Other | 119 | 120 | -1 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 160 | 161 | -1 |
| Female | 17 | 16 | 6 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 176 | 176 | |
| Black and other races | 1 | 1 | |
| Average age of operator | 56.5 | 56.6 | -0 |

(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.