

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 71,697 acres in 1992 to 68,421 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 168 acres in 1992 to 157 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased slightly from 154 farms in 1992 to 155 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

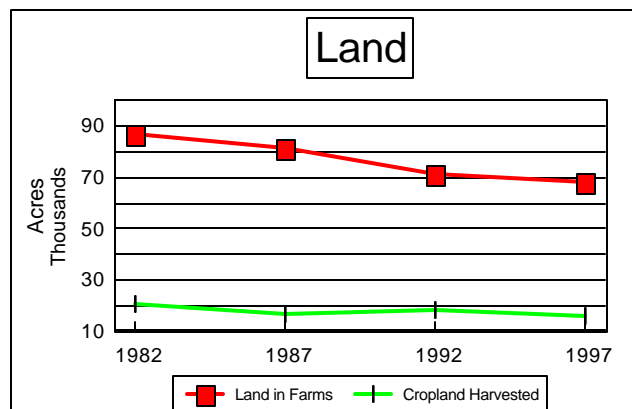
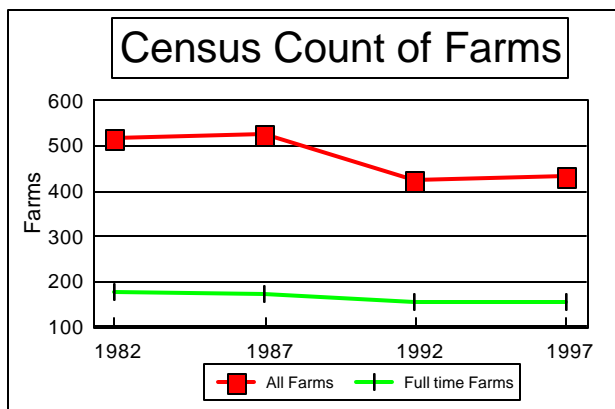
Decreased 10 percent to \$11,216,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 12 percent from \$29,404 in 1992 to \$25,784 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	11,216	52	67	2,445	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	7,473	27	67	1,923	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,743	57	67	2,486	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,871	10	64	400	2,790
Cattle and calves	2,370	53	67	2,038	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	2,214	23	57	318	709
Dairy products	1,084	19	52	1,365	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	282	36	67	2,113	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	6,444	53	67	1,948	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,539	22	52	541	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	110	22	67	829	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	63	67	2,657	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	39	30	51	2,357	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,718	53	67	1,933	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,651	16	64	371	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	964	16	67	786	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	180	48	67	2,370	3,002
Mule burro, and donkey inventory	90	10	67	244	2,901
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	8,645	42	67	1,842	3,061
Cotton-acres	4,313	25	57	341	713
All nursery-acres	1,475	4	64	197	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	9	65	1,339	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	344	57	67	2,156	2,691

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 .....	331	320	3
\$10,000 or more .....	104	106	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,325	10,374	-10
Average per farm .....dollars..	21,438	24,353	-12
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,898	719	303
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,662	1,687	295
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	386	381	1
Partnership or corporation .....	46	42	10
Other .....	3	3	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	155	154	1
Other .....	280	272	3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	386	378	2
Female .....	49	48	2
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	428	415	3
Black and other races .....	7	11	-36
Average age of operator .....	56.9	55.0	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.