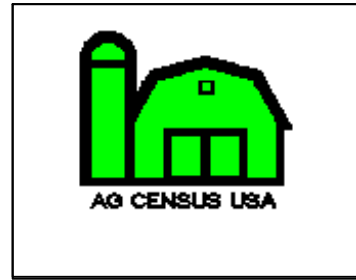


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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 923,037 acres in 1992 to 881,045 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 1,803 acres in 1992 to 1,608 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 273 farms in 1992 to 306 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

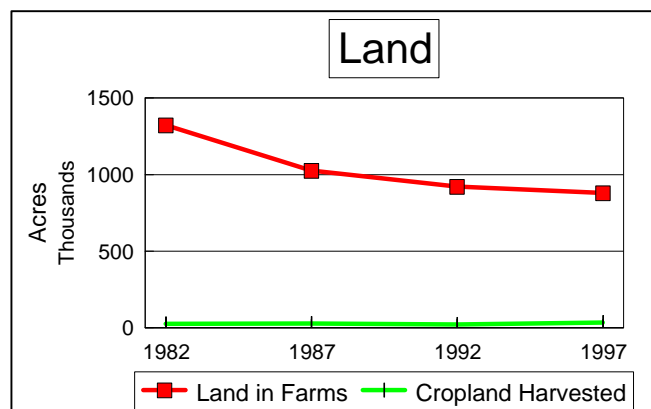
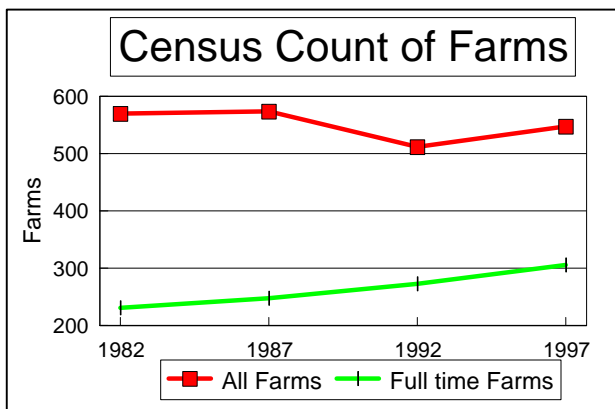
Increased 61 percent to \$24,650,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$29,982 in 1992 to \$44,982 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	24,650	50	50
Value of crops including nursery	15,968	50	50
Value of livestock and poultry	8,682	50	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Nursery and greenhouse crops	10,017	48	50
Aquaculture	(D)	26	50
Dairy products	2,776	50	50
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,576	47	50
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,822	44	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Cattle and calves sold	2,847	49	50
Hogs and pigs sold	2,532	50	50
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,860	48	50
Rabbits and their pelts sold	1,165	46	50
Sheep and lambs sold	1,001	48	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Cattle and calves inventory	11,111	49	50
Horse and pony inventory	2,375	49	50
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,112	50	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,826	50	50
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,605	48	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Hay crops-acres	24,023	47	50
Barley-acres	7,106	24	45
Oats-acres	1,463	42	49
Potatoes-acres	814	37	50
Land used for vegetables-acres	315	49	50

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	328	353	-7
\$10,000 or more	220	159	38
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,821	16,308	34
Average per farmdollars..	39,820	31,851	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,829	(957)	396
Average per farmdollars..	5,162	(1,869)	376
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	458	430	7
Partnership or corporation	79	70	13
Other	11	12	-8
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	306	273	12
Other	242	239	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	453	429	6
Female	95	83	14
Operators by race:			
White	512	501	2
Black and other races	36	11	227
Average age of operator	53.3	51.3	4

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.