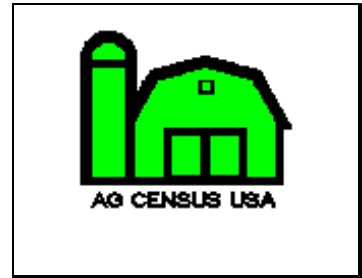


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Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 47,146 acres in 1992 to 40,294 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 16 percent from 217 acres in 1992 to 182 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

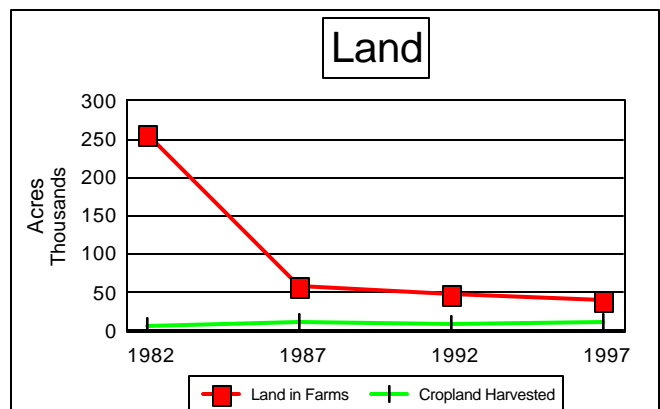
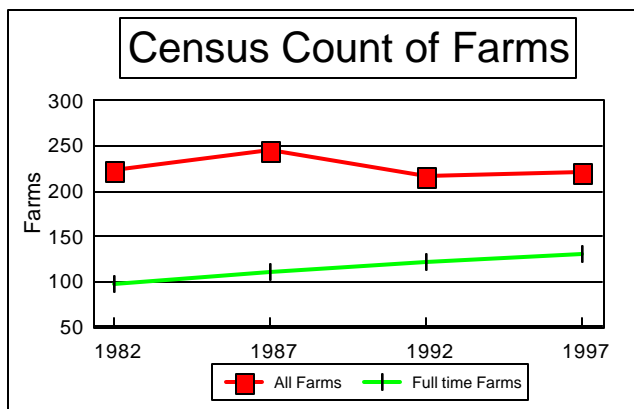
Increased 57 percent to \$15,851,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 54 percent from \$46,399 in 1992 to \$71,400 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	15,851	1	5	2,264	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	10,542	1	5	1,718	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,309	1	5	2,323	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	7,357	1	5	282	2,790
Aquaculture	(D)	1	3	54	1,505
Dairy products	1,994	1	2	1,063	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,355	1	5	425	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,203	1	5	753	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	601	3	4	2,910	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	2	5	2,238	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	2	3	1,185	1,882
Rabbits and their pelts sold	280	2	4	501	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	266	2	5	1,575	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,965	2	5	2,840	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	786	1	5	1,332	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	732	2	5	1,109	3,066
Broiler inventory	673	1	4	870	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	491	2	5	1,886	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,241	2	5	1,694	3,061
Potatoes-acres	520	1	5	223	1,733
Land used for vegetables-acres	266	1	5	840	2,741
Barley-acres	(D)	2	4	731	1,411
All nursery-acres	171	1	4	974	2,619

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	128	140	-9
\$10,000 or more	94	77	22
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,246	10,395	27
Average per farmdollars..	59,668	47,903	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,605	(326)	899
Average per farmdollars..	11,733	(1,505)	880
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	187	182	3
Partnership or corporation	28	28	
Other	7	7	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	131	123	7
Other	91	94	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	170	176	-3
Female	52	41	27
Operators by race:			
White	215	211	2
Black and other races	7	6	17
Average age of operator	52.0	49.8	4

(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.