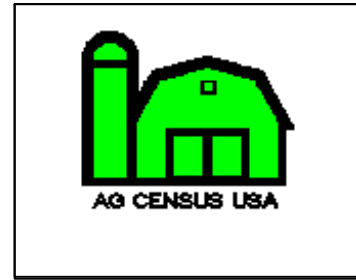


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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 14,127,711 acres in 1992 to 14,364,955 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 322 acres in 1992 to 318 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 23,273 farms in 1992 to 22,300 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

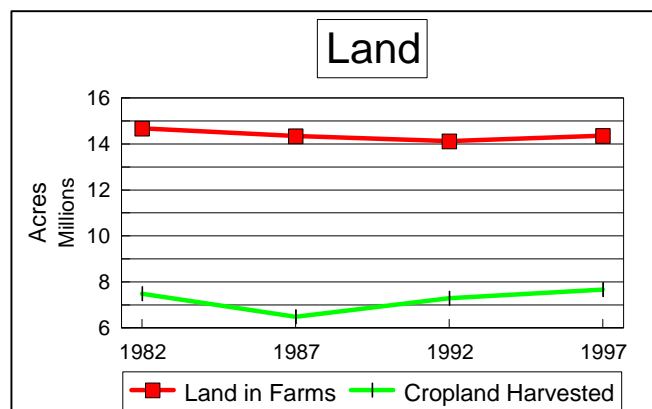
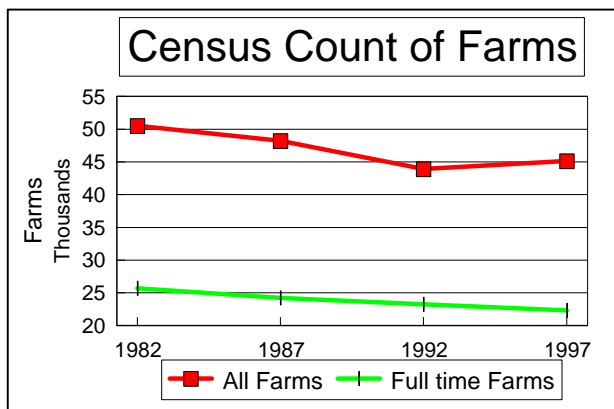
Increased 32 percent to \$5,479,692,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$94,670 in 1992 to \$121,388 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	5,479,692	11	50
Value of livestock and poultry	3,291,665	9	50
Value of crops including nursery	2,188,026	16	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Poultry & poultry products	2,525,203	1	50
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	724,511	1	49
Soybeans	672,058	8	40
Cotton, cottonseed	512,652	5	18
Cattle and calves	378,011	23	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,003,161,769	2	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	26,350,656	3	50
Turkeys sold	25,453,814	4	49
Hogs and pigs sold	2,762,914	11	50
Cattle and calves sold	978,007	21	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	172,617,806	1	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	15,144,014	8	50
All turkeys inventory	9,333,308	3	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	5,069,589	2	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	4,300,541	2	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,571,342	7	42
Rice-acres	1,384,969	1	9
Hay crops-acres	1,232,771	21	50
Cotton-acres	962,272	5	18
Wheat-acres	763,388	16	46

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	24,653	22,815	8
\$10,000 or more	20,489	21,122	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,161,029	3,245,341	28
Average per farmdollars..	92,183	73,865	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,007,988	778,566	29
Average per farmdollars..	22,331	17,720	26
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	39,009	38,221	2
Partnership or corporation	5,916	5,538	7
Other	217	178	22
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	22,300	23,273	-4
Other	22,842	20,664	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	41,256	40,338	2
Female	3,886	3,599	8
Operators by race:			
White	44,208	43,089	3
Black and other races	934	848	10
Average age of operator	53.5	53.0	1

(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.