

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 411,473 acres in 1992 to 426,363 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 840 acres in 1992 to 823 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 425 farms in 1992 to 406 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

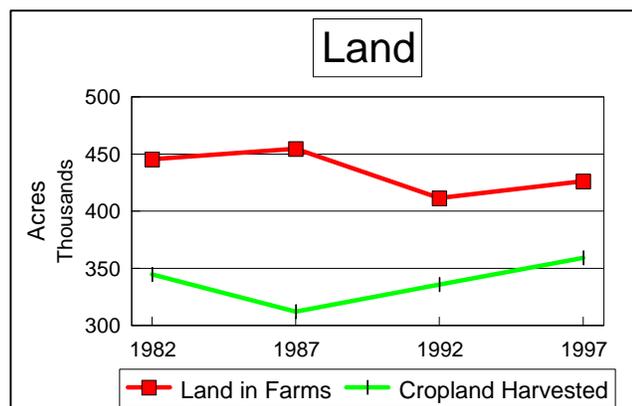
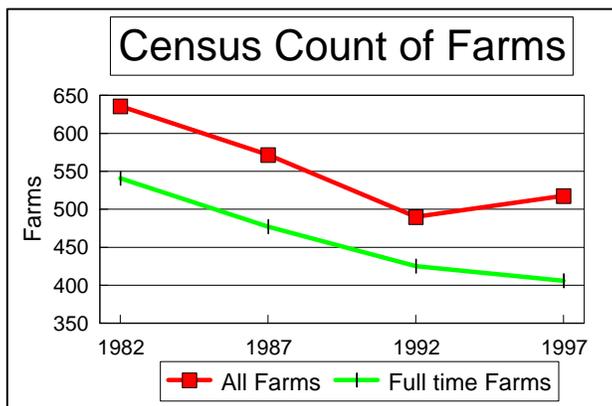
Increased 32 percent to \$142,405,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 25 percent from \$219,597 in 1992 to \$274,913 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	142,405	5	75	269	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	141,534	2	75	76	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	871	73	75	2,900	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	71,252	2	48	5	1,971
Soybeans	49,752	1	55	18	2,136
Wheat	16,502	1	54	101	2,578
Corn for grain	1,937	9	53	1,124	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	1,205	21	31	365	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,141	69	75	2,795	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	203	60	73	2,393	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	10	63	75	2,737	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	47	53	2,680	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	58	62	2,505	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,102	66	75	2,734	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	20	71	826	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	215	56	72	2,234	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	165	61	71	2,414	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	146	62	75	2,731	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	210,429	1	55	13	2,144
Rice-acres	122,744	2	42	3	153
Wheat-acres	86,794	1	55	220	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	5,955	10	56	1,245	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,668	20	46	373	1,508

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	112	66	70
\$10,000 or more	406	424	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	83,931	71,415	18
Average per farmdollars..	162,343	145,744	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	51,886	32,406	60
Average per farmdollars..	100,361	66,135	52
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	299	295	1
Partnership or corporation	215	192	12
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	406	425	-4
Other	112	65	72
Operators by sex:			
Male	496	480	3
Female	22	10	120
Operators by race:			
White	508	476	7
Black and other races	10	14	-29
Average age of operator	51.9	49.6	5

(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.