

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service



ASHLEY ARKANSAS

Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 151,325 acres in 1992 to 165,826 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 504 acres in 1992 to 555 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 167 farms in 1992 to 161 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

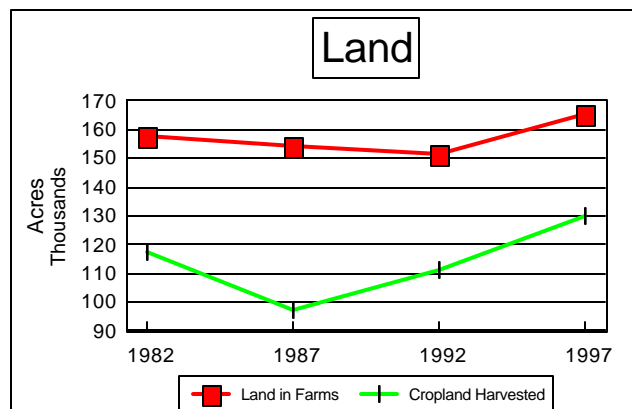
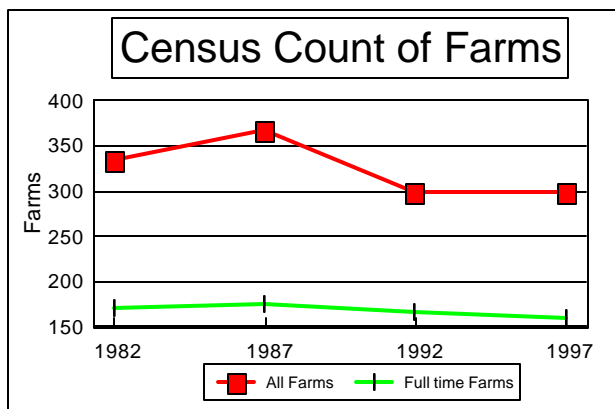
Increased 31 percent to \$59,378,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$150,582 in 1992 to \$198,590 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	59,378	42	75	998	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	51,329	22	75	533	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,049	53	75	2,038	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	31,528	5	31	42	709
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	9,232	23	48	84	1,971
Soybeans	8,465	24	55	596	2,136
Aquaculture	7,112	3	54	24	1,505
Cattle and calves	795	61	75	2,636	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,241	61	75	2,614	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	589	43	73	1,995	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	57	60	1,510	2,203
All goats sold	(D)	42	62	1,883	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	22	54	75	2,386	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,954	62	75	2,585	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	276	50	72	2,115	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	255	54	75	2,377	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	220	58	71	2,261	3,002
All goat inventory	137	30	71	1,488	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	53,649	7	32	68	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	51,491	23	55	503	2,144
Rice-acres	19,170	22	42	46	153
Wheat-acres	4,579	30	55	1,101	2,612
Hay crops-acres	3,202	62	75	2,546	3,061

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	144	128	13
\$10,000 or more	155	172	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	39,012	35,158	11
Average per farmdollars..	130,913	117,193	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	16,580	8,957	85
Average per farmdollars..	55,638	29,858	86
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	215	218	-1
Partnership or corporation	80	80	
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	161	167	-4
Other	138	133	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	290	287	1
Female	9	13	-31
Operators by race:			
White	292	288	1
Black and other races	7	12	-42
Average age of operator	52.7	51.2	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.