

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 262,021 acres in 1992 to 275,954 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 809 acres in 1992 to 914 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 258 farms in 1992 to 245 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

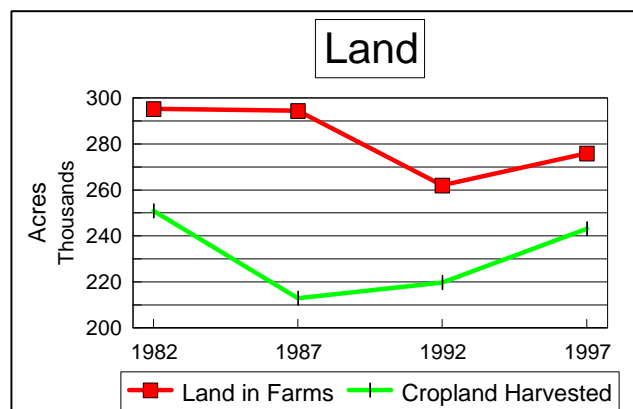
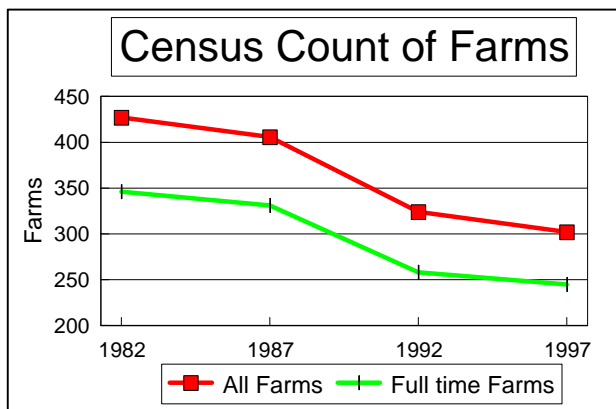
Increased 40 percent to \$100,873,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$222,169 in 1992 to \$334,018 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	100,873	19	75	503	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	93,727	8	75	163	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,147	55	75	2,120	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	45,727	4	31	26	709
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	23,614	13	48	28	1,971
Soybeans	20,913	15	55	274	2,136
Aquaculture	(D)	4	54	32	1,505
Wheat	2,627	17	54	564	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	50	58	506	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	1,855	65	75	2,673	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,200	18	51	722	2,200
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	7	11	333	611
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	73	73	2,894	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	47	64	442	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	2,648	69	75	2,773	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,577	13	71	525	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	7	65	373	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	43	72	75	2,991	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	111,363	18	55	156	2,144
Cotton-acres	78,278	3	32	37	713
Rice-acres	43,888	14	42	26	153
Wheat-acres	18,378	17	55	562	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,803	19	46	365	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	51	71	-28
\$10,000 or more	251	253	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	65,886	51,984	27
Average per farmdollars..	218,167	160,940	36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	30,599	17,818	72
Average per farmdollars..	101,322	55,165	84
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	177	201	-12
Partnership or corporation	122	120	2
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	245	258	-5
Other	57	66	-14
Operators by sex:			
Male	283	301	-6
Female	19	23	-17
Operators by race:			
White	291	301	-3
Black and other races	11	23	-52
Average age of operator	50.7	50.8	-0

(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.