

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service



INDEPENDENCE ARKANSAS

Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 263,182 acres in 1992 to 283,126 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 277 acres in 1992 to 271 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 444 farms in 1992 to 437 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

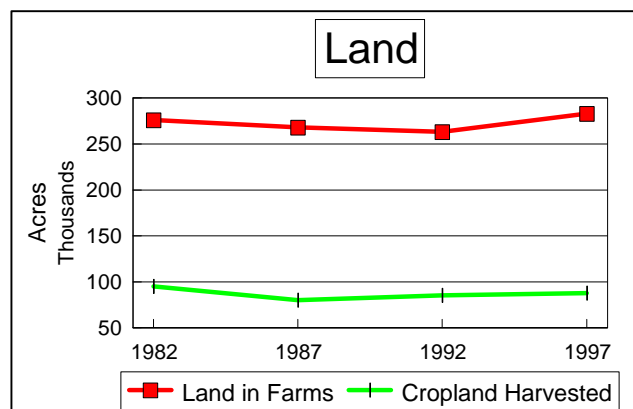
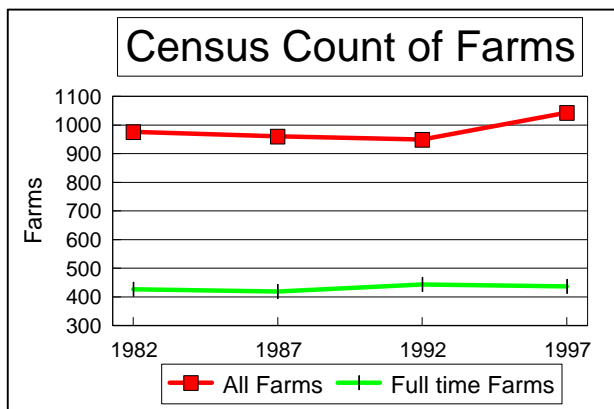
Increased 33 percent to \$72,510,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$57,415 in 1992 to \$69,454 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	72,510	34	75	796	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	59,471	17	75	398	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,039	27	75	1,586	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	50,202	18	67	117	2,901
Cattle and calves	8,439	14	75	1,035	3,063
Soybeans	4,890	26	55	742	2,136
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	3,365	26	48	170	1,971
Corn for grain	1,725	10	53	1,156	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	15,240,264	24	58	129	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	389,126	20	60	214	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	24,067	12	75	805	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,334	31	73	1,500	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	17	51	717	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,959,307	23	64	111	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	218,626	19	71	280	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	64,792	21	57	204	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	46,926	9	75	660	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	27	47	304	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	35,021	25	55	633	2,144
Hay crops-acres	32,268	11	75	619	3,061
Wheat-acres	8,837	24	55	812	2,612
Rice-acres	7,208	26	42	71	153
Corn for grain-acres	6,756	8	56	1,210	2,691

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	676	589	15
\$10,000 or more	368	361	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	59,460	43,430	37
Average per farmdollars..	56,954	45,715	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,111	10,379	-31
Average per farmdollars..	6,812	10,925	-38
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	944	847	11
Partnership or corporation	95	99	-4
Other	5	4	25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	437	444	-2
Other	607	506	20
Operators by sex:			
Male	952	879	8
Female	92	71	30
Operators by race:			
White	1,038	944	10
Black and other races	6	6	
Average age of operator	52.1	51.5	1

(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.