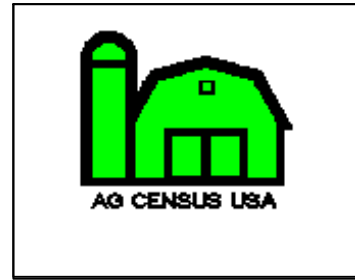


1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service



BENTON ARKANSAS

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 293,745 acres in 1992 to 296,543 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 131 acres in 1992 to 128 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 1,086 farms in 1992 to 1,061 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

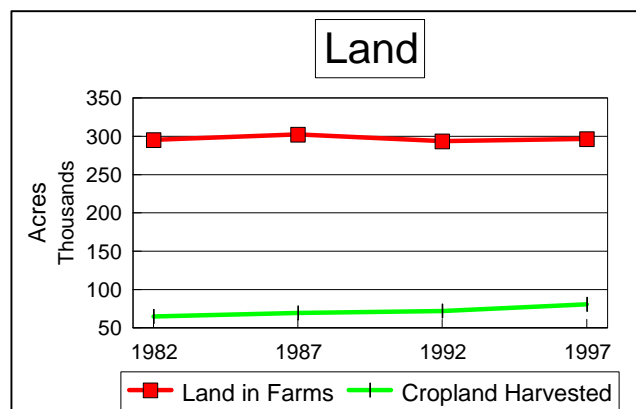
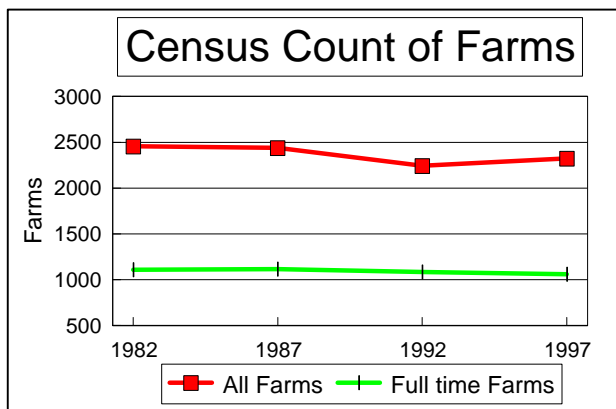
Increased 24 percent to \$337,522,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 20 percent from \$121,134 in 1992 to \$145,296 in 1997.



1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service

BENTON ARKANSAS

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	337,522	2	75	51	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	332,955	2	75	24	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,567	35	75	2,171	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	294,907	2	67	5	2,901
Cattle and calves	19,951	1	75	408	3,063
Hogs and pigs	10,096	9	73	330	2,976
Dairy products	6,836	2	59	505	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,714	1	75	486	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	113,132,954	1	58	4	1,882
Turkeys sold	4,897,190	2	27	9	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,438,123	2	60	16	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	159,850	7	73	221	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	50,710	2	75	281	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	18,348,364	1	64	3	2,620
All turkeys inventory	1,563,405	2	52	13	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,373,775	2	71	57	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	422,195	2	47	29	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	334,911	5	57	39	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	74,670	2	75	100	3,061
Field seeds-acres	4,253	1	24	59	1,212
Wheat-acres	965	38	55	1,672	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	918	45	55	1,598	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	724	6	71	546	2,741

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	1,360	1,225	11
\$10,000 or more	963	1,019	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	294,230	223,814	31
Average per farmdollars..	126,659	99,739	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	26,947	39,981	-33
Average per farmdollars..	11,600	17,817	-35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	2,100	2,025	4
Partnership or corporation	211	212	
Other	12	7	71
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,061	1,086	-2
Other	1,262	1,158	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	2,121	2,006	6
Female	202	238	-15
Operators by race:			
White	2,302	2,229	3
Black and other races	21	15	40
Average age of operator	53.2	53.3	-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.