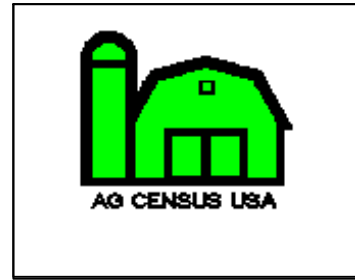


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## OUACHITA ARKANSAS

### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 32,003 acres in 1992 to 29,449 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 176 acres in 1992 to 166 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 13 percent from 61 farms in 1992 to 69 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

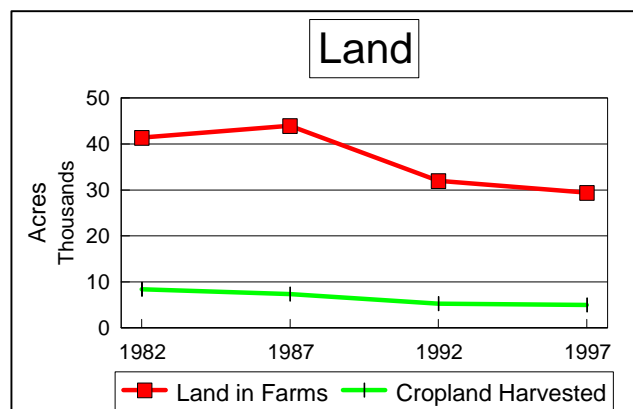
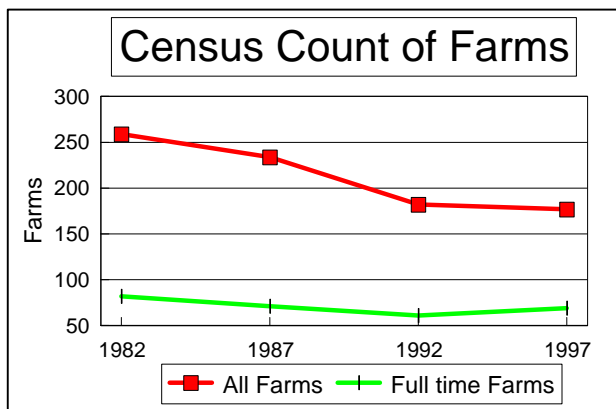
Increased 29 percent to \$6,692,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$28,477 in 1992 to \$37,807 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	6,692	71	75	2,676	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	6,307	56	75	2,212	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	385	66	75	2,919	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	5,142	47	67	593	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,104	57	75	2,496	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	24	70	1,857	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	147	52	75	2,513	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	78	30	71	1,473	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,571,875	42	58	354	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	42,857	40	60	653	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	3,433	55	75	2,407	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	450	48	73	2,102	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	41	51	1,494	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	248,600	45	64	426	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	44,077	38	71	609	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	5,538	57	75	2,518	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	225	56	75	2,493	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	221	54	72	2,220	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	4,834	57	75	2,302	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	25	71	1,228	2,741
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	20	25	840	1,323
All nursery-acres	13	32	65	2,011	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	(D)	27	49	1,341	1,965

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	126	147	-14
\$10,000 or more .....	51	35	46
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,045	4,761	27
Average per farm .....dollars..	34,153	26,161	31
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	734	122	502
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,145	671	518
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	160	165	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	17	17	
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	69	61	13
Other .....	108	121	-11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	160	171	-6
Female .....	17	11	55
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	171	180	-5
Black and other races .....	6	2	200
Average age of operator .....	55.4	56.7	-2

(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.