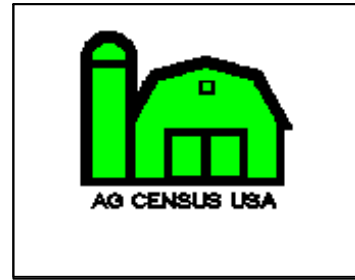


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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 313,232 acres in 1992 to 301,851 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 781 acres in 1992 to 719 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 318 farms in 1992 to 300 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

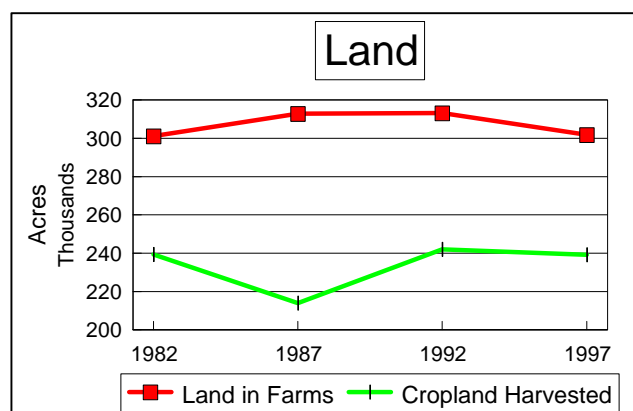
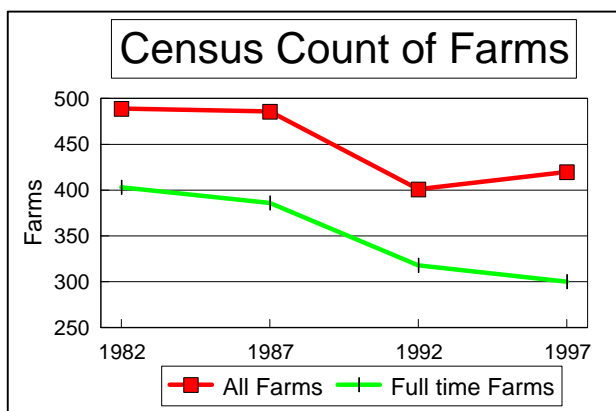
Increased 29 percent to \$90,082,000 in 1997.

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 23 percent from \$173,970 in 1992 to \$214,481 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	90,082	24	75	600	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	83,947	10	75	218	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,135	57	75	2,234	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	44,568	4	48	8	1,971
Soybeans	31,609	8	55	114	2,136
Wheat	5,212	10	54	353	2,578
Aquaculture	(D)	6	54	41	1,505
Cotton, cottonseed	1,138	22	31	370	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	28	73	1,334	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,188	62	75	2,625	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	52	62	2,326	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	8	65	75	2,791	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	5,487	58	75	2,525	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	32	72	1,517	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	132	63	75	2,774	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	63	71	2,774	3,002
All goat inventory	(D)	54	71	2,233	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	149,523	10	55	57	2,144
Rice-acres	74,182	7	42	14	153
Wheat-acres	27,718	12	55	446	2,612
Hay crops-acres	5,461	53	75	2,211	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	2,258	22	46	392	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	119	86	38
\$10,000 or more	301	315	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	51,767	48,099	8
Average per farmdollars..	122,961	119,946	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	34,191	19,433	76
Average per farmdollars..	81,213	48,463	68
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	301	284	6
Partnership or corporation	111	110	1
Other	8	7	14
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	300	318	-6
Other	120	83	45
Operators by sex:			
Male	398	390	2
Female	22	11	100
Operators by race:			
White	414	398	4
Black and other races	6	3	100
Average age of operator	52.2	51.0	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.