

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service



SEARCY ARKANSAS

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 195,510 acres in 1992 to 188,275 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 317 acres in 1992 to 307 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 279 farms in 1992 to 269 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

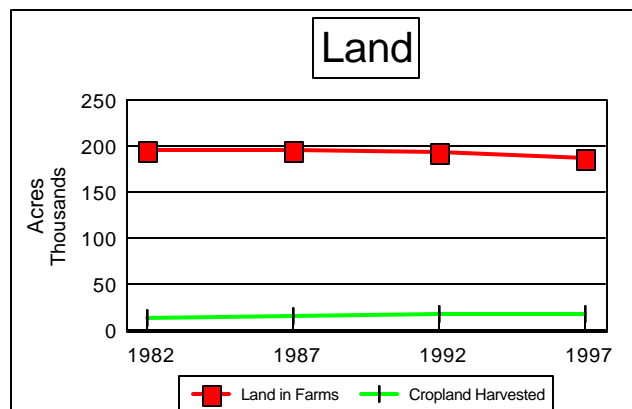
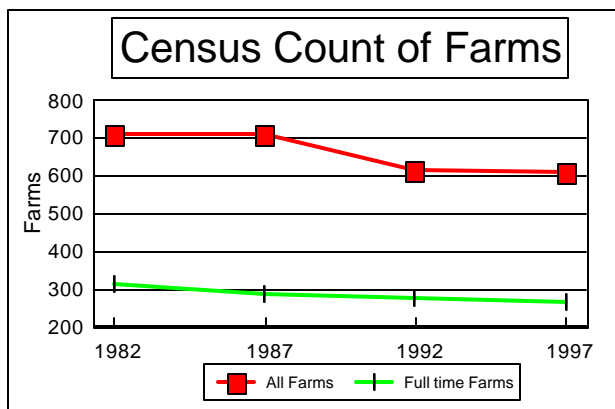
Decreased 15 percent to \$10,248,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 14 percent from \$19,493 in 1992 to \$16,690 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	10,248	68	75	2,488	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	9,928	50	75	1,866	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	319	68	75	2,941	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	5,953	26	75	1,322	3,063
Dairy products	3,259	10	59	824	2,563
Hogs and pigs	574	24	73	1,169	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	163	45	75	2,470	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	83	23	70	1,005	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	55	58	671	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	16,456	26	75	1,162	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	25	73	1,005	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	53	60	995	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	24	39	336	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	34,449	19	75	974	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,453	25	72	1,141	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	516	52	71	1,661	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	459	36	75	1,711	3,066
All goat inventory	337	13	71	726	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	18,333	26	75	1,117	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	34	51	72	1,639	2,693
Total berries-acres	16	11	56	586	2,058
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	52	56	2,627	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	19	23	2,389	2,473

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	422	413	2
\$10,000 or more	192	203	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,615	10,053	-14
Average per farmdollars..	14,031	16,346	-14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,362	1,551	-12
Average per farmdollars..	2,218	2,523	-12
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	565	580	-3
Partnership or corporation	43	34	26
Other	6	2	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	269	279	-4
Other	345	337	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	567	566	0
Female	47	50	-6
Operators by race:			
White	608	616	-1
Black and other races	6	-	
Average age of operator	55.0	54.1	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.