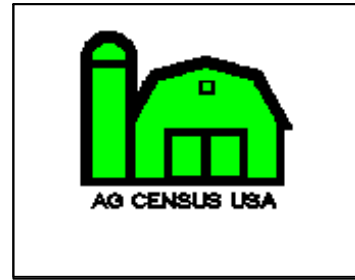


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Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 159,013 acres in 1992 to 173,598 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 299 acres in 1992 to 281 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 241 farms in 1992 to 247 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

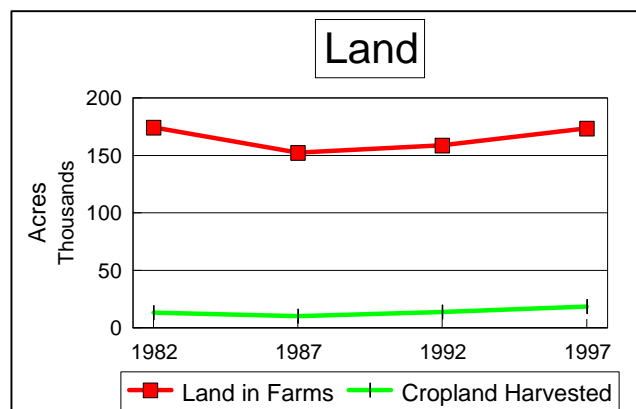
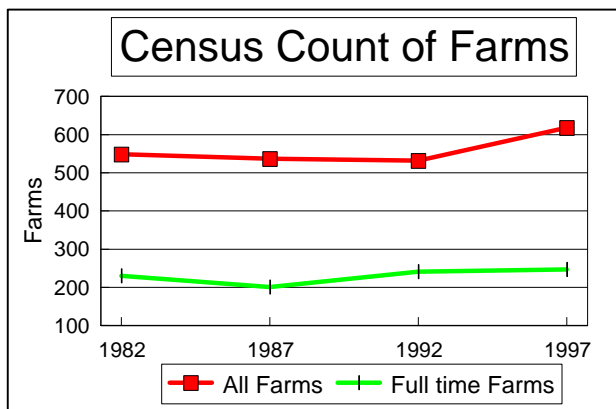
Increased 37 percent to \$33,090,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 18 percent from \$45,240 in 1992 to \$53,544 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	33,090	57	75	1,631	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	32,230	31	75	835	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	860	50	75	2,760	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	26,410	30	67	226	2,901
Cattle and calves	5,412	32	75	1,414	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	429	21	75	1,750	3,043
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	(D)	34	48	543	1,971
Dairy products	223	41	59	2,048	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	11,374,000	31	58	170	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	799,618	11	60	112	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	13,860	33	75	1,307	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,291	38	73	1,736	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	29	39	638	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,383,706	34	64	202	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	401,945	11	71	188	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	128,616	15	57	116	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	20	47	211	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	26,960	31	75	1,235	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	17,534	28	75	1,157	3,061
Rice-acres	(D)	35	42	120	153
Field seeds-acres	320	10	24	302	1,212
Wheat-acres	(D)	44	55	2,163	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	117	22	71	1,166	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	425	343	24
\$10,000 or more	193	189	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	27,681	20,711	34
Average per farmdollars..	44,791	38,930	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,027	2,858	6
Average per farmdollars..	4,898	5,372	-9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	573	488	17
Partnership or corporation	45	43	5
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	247	241	2
Other	371	291	27
Operators by sex:			
Male	575	483	19
Female	43	49	-12
Operators by race:			
White	614	529	16
Black and other races	4	3	33
Average age of operator	51.2	51.7	-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.