

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 119,930 acres in 1992 to 132,417 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 234 acres in 1992 to 229 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased slightly from 261 farms in 1992 to 262 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

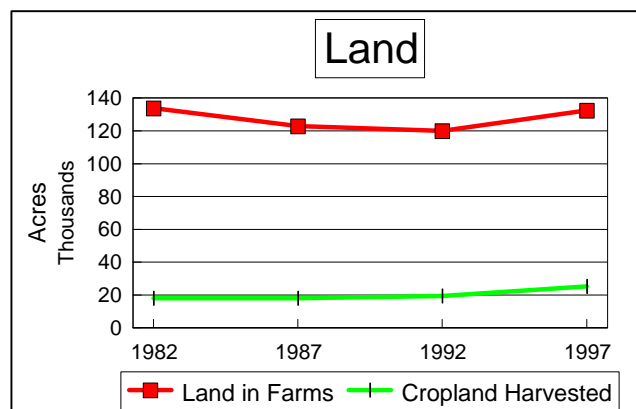
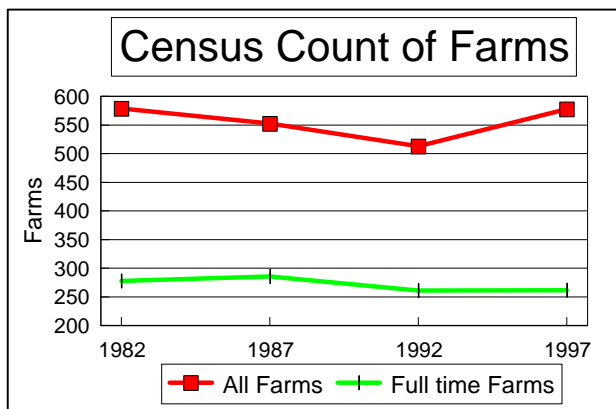
Increased 17 percent to \$19,863,000 in 1997.

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 4 percent from \$33,123 in 1992 to \$34,366 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	19,863	64	75	2,110	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	19,305	41	75	1,282	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	559	59	75	2,854	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	7,921	41	67	489	2,901
Dairy products	6,263	4	59	539	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,416	35	75	1,556	3,063
Hogs and pigs	523	25	73	1,196	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	458	17	75	1,695	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,344,290	35	58	284	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	16,433	23	73	876	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	11,667	35	75	1,474	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	2	39	13	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	56	60	1,231	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	669,208	36	64	291	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	25,430	33	75	1,297	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,569	18	72	830	3,005
Rabbit inventory	(D)	7	55	63	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	702	20	75	1,157	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	25,664	16	75	797	3,061
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	2	25	213	1,323
Land in orchards-acres	35	50	72	1,621	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	49	56	2,541	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	18	48	71	1,993	2,741

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 .....	369	333	11
\$10,000 or more .....	209	180	16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	15,450	13,822	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	26,730	26,996	-1
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	830	2,106	-61
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,435	4,113	-65
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	547	481	14
Partnership or corporation .....	30	32	-6
Other .....	1	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	262	261	0
Other .....	316	252	25
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	513	472	9
Female .....	65	41	59
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	577	511	13
Black and other races .....	1	2	-50
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.