

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service



## WASHINGTON ARKANSAS

### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 352,322 acres in 1992 to 334,667 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 139 acres in 1992 to 135 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 1,185 farms in 1992 to 1,106 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

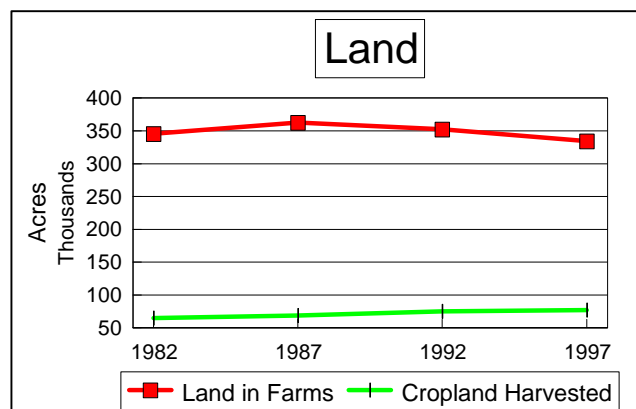
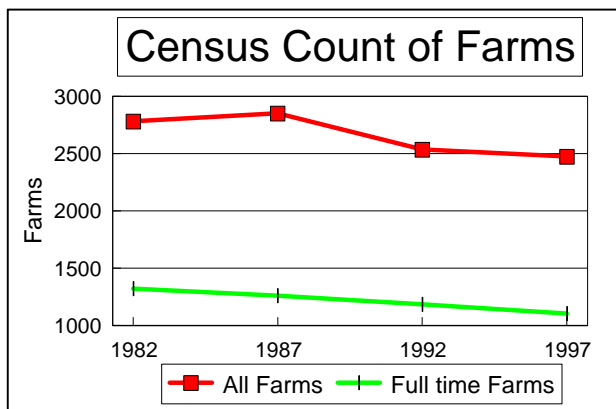
Increased 26 percent to \$359,423,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 30 percent from \$112,040 in 1992 to \$145,163 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	359,423	1	75	45	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	355,472	1	75	23	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,951	37	75	2,246	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	306,985	1	67	4	2,901
Hogs and pigs	20,702	3	73	168	2,976
Cattle and calves	19,775	2	75	410	3,063
Dairy products	7,138	1	59	483	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,402	7	70	847	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	102,347,152	2	58	5	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	4,574,375	1	60	7	2,203
Turkeys sold	3,224,827	4	27	25	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	203,867	4	73	164	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	53,096	1	75	265	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	15,845,360	2	64	5	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,111,318	1	71	15	3,002
All turkeys inventory	1,360,555	3	52	19	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	579,941	2	57	14	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	522,832	1	47	16	1,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	75,516	1	75	96	3,061
Field seeds-acres	(D)	6	24	165	1,212
Land in orchards-acres	584	5	72	437	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	319	14	71	788	2,741
All nursery-acres	182	9	65	947	2,619

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 .....	1,525	1,397	9
\$10,000 or more .....	951	1,142	-17
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	307,482	236,183	30
Average per farm .....dollars..	124,085	93,022	33
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	36,675	43,615	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	14,800	17,178	-14
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	2,282	2,313	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	178	218	-18
Other .....	16	8	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	1,106	1,185	-7
Other .....	1,370	1,354	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	2,211	2,268	-3
Female .....	265	271	-2
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	2,446	2,516	-3
Black and other races .....	30	23	30
Average age of operator .....	54.6	53.7	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.