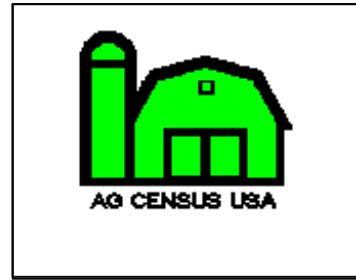


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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 28,978,997 acres in 1992 to 27,698,779 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 373 acres in 1992 to 374 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 40,215 farms in 1992 to 39,267 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

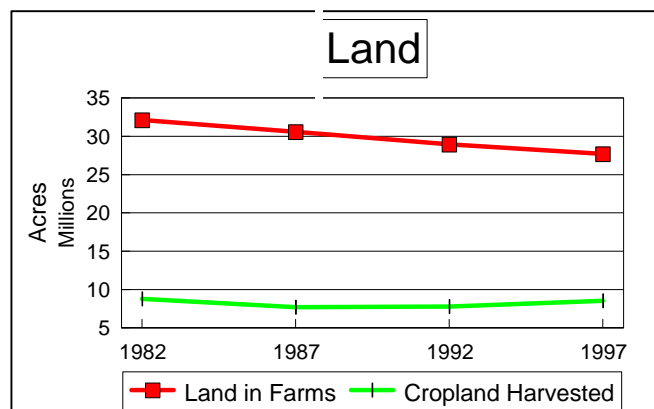
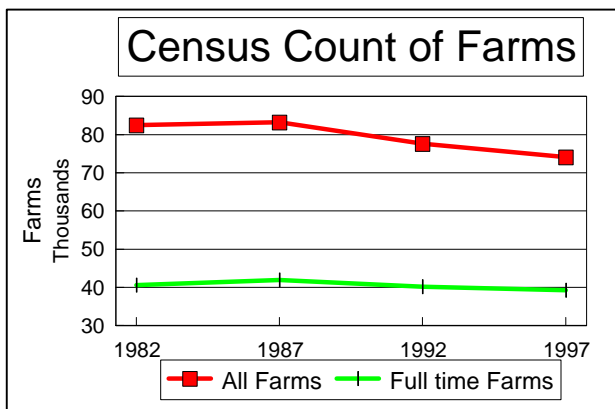
Increased 35 percent to \$23,032,259,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 42 percent from \$219,546 in 1992 to \$310,718 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	23,032,259	1	50
Value of crops including nursery	17,033,714	1	50
Value of livestock and poultry	5,998,545	3	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Fruits, nuts, berries	7,822,769	1	50
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,019,298	1	50
Dairy products	3,177,770	1	50
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,210,574	1	50
Cattle and calves	1,411,055	7	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	237,723,294	9	50
Turkeys sold	23,552,478	5	49
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	20,046,329	5	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	5,212,933	4	50
Cattle and calves sold	3,107,562	6	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	34,781,220	10	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	30,312,145	1	50
All turkeys inventory	8,633,371	4	50
Cattle and calves inventory	4,968,679	5	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	3,837,842	4	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Land in orchards-acres	2,582,084	1	50
Hay crops-acres	1,698,773	14	50
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,065,465	1	50
Cotton-acres	1,036,316	3	18
Wheat-acres	581,071	18	46

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	32,487	37,269	-13
\$10,000 or more	41,639	40,400	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,817,253	13,804,983	22
Average per farmdollars..	226,868	177,755	28
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,118,086	3,179,111	92
Average per farmdollars..	82,533	40,935	102
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	56,755	60,187	-6
Partnership or corporation	16,065	16,417	-2
Other	1,306	1,065	23
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	39,267	40,215	-2
Other	34,859	37,454	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	64,062	68,016	-6
Female	10,064	9,653	4
Operators by race:			
White	67,566	71,872	-6
Black and other races	6,560	5,797	13
Average age of operator	56.5	55.2	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.