

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 487,499 acres in 1992 to 453,826 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 20 percent from 1,562 acres in 1992 to 1,243 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 178 farms in 1992 to 188 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

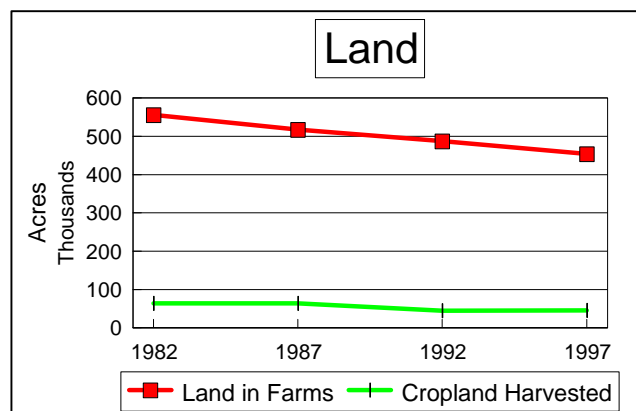
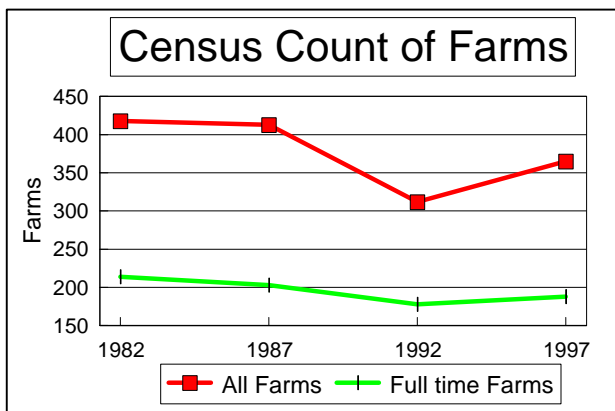
Decreased 18 percent to \$26,399,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 30 percent from \$102,792 in 1992 to \$72,325 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	26,399	44	58	1,872	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	14,730	44	58	1,491	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,669	38	57	1,741	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	11,148	25	57	816	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,448	33	58	313	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	6,403	17	57	87	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,151	38	56	507	2,739
Barley	253	16	36	245	1,167
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	23,365	24	57	828	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,022	29	56	472	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	401	37	56	2,153	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	35	51	995	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	34	43	1,241	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	56,036	23	57	511	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,107	32	56	517	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,403	30	57	433	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	38	54	978	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	351	26	56	2,014	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	42,639	13	57	378	3,061
Wheat-acres	1,206	27	42	1,601	2,612
Barley-acres	1,198	17	36	347	1,411
All nursery-acres	801	30	58	373	2,619
Total herbs-acres	(D)	14	46	37	649

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 .....	180	168	7
\$10,000 or more .....	185	144	28
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	20,152	28,989	-30
Average per farm .....dollars..	55,210	93,214	-41
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,335	3,091	137
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,095	9,939	102
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	288	229	26
Partnership or corporation .....	67	78	-14
Other .....	10	5	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	188	178	6
Other .....	177	134	32
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	316	283	12
Female .....	49	29	69
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	351	306	15
Black and other races .....	14	6	133
Average age of operator .....	53.9	54.8	-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.