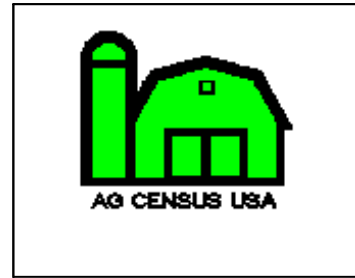


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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 137,723 acres in 1992 to 139,597 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 122 acres in 1992 to 140 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 494 farms in 1992 to 437 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

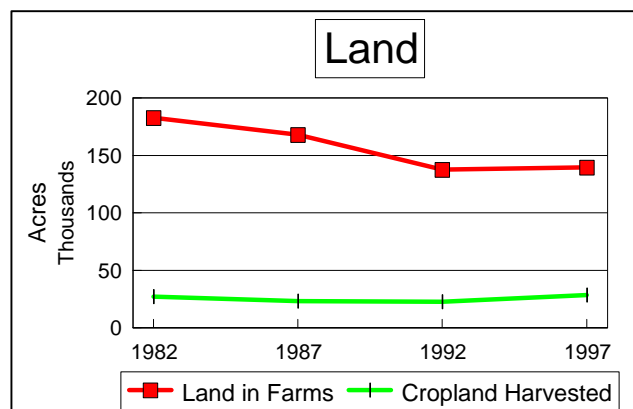
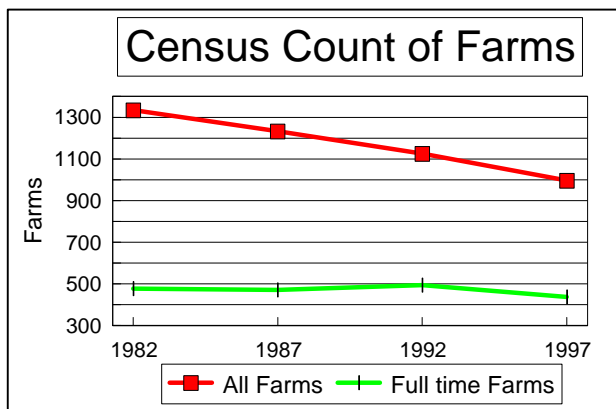
Increased 4 percent to \$36,985,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$31,759 in 1992 to \$37,097 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	36,985	42	58	1,520	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	25,314	40	58	1,082	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,672	37	57	1,739	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	11,248	10	45	66	1,971
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,109	30	58	261	2,790
Cattle and calves	6,185	36	57	1,284	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	4,644	39	55	153	2,547
Poultry & poultry products	2,805	21	55	722	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	11	43	475	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	14	38	304	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	14,119	36	57	1,293	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	6,244	21	51	353	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	5,116	8	44	40	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	11	50	440	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	24,854	34	57	1,326	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	14	52	305	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,722	22	56	869	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,149	29	56	372	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Rice-acres	16,661	7	19	51	153
Hay crops-acres	4,687	42	57	2,320	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	3,348	35	56	154	2,693
Wheat-acres	1,619	24	42	1,508	2,612
Wild rice-acres	(D)	6	12	11	27

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	740	895	-17
\$10,000 or more	257	230	12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,123	34,390	-7
Average per farmdollars..	32,220	30,569	5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,358	535	1088
Average per farmdollars..	6,377	476	1240
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	893	1,026	-13
Partnership or corporation	92	90	2
Other	12	9	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	437	494	-12
Other	560	631	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	779	905	-14
Female	218	220	-1
Operators by race:			
White	931	1,053	-12
Black and other races	66	72	-8
Average age of operator	56.5	55.4	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.