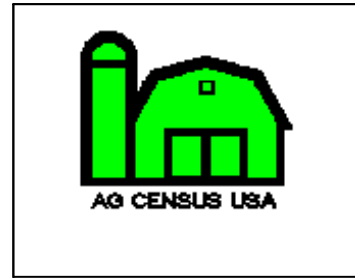


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### Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 452,347 acres in 1992 to 404,166 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 233 acres in 1992 to 208 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 1,038 farms in 1992 to 1,065 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

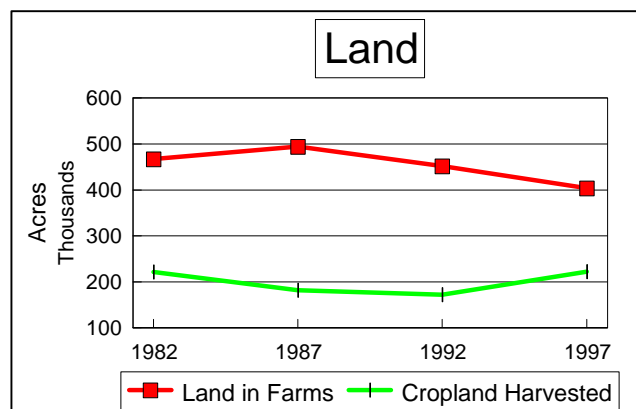
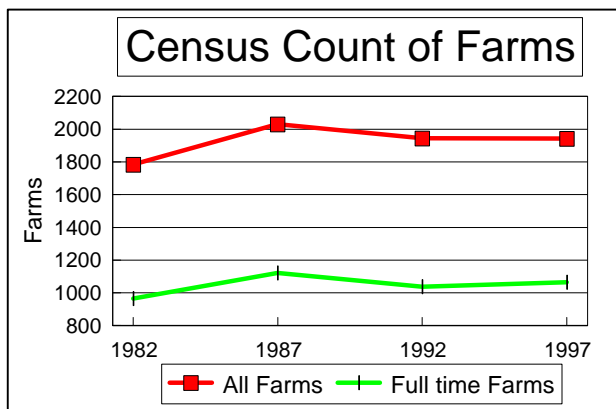
Increased 57 percent to \$286,227,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 57 percent from \$93,863 in 1992 to \$147,388 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	286,227	19	58	73	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	277,447	18	58	28	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,780	41	57	1,964	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Fruits, nuts, berries	187,830	14	55	15	2,547
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	78,347	3	45	3	1,971
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,198	35	58	382	2,790
Cattle and calves	4,304	39	57	1,576	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,353	32	56	327	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	61,672	12	51	93	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	8	56	989	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	9,577	39	57	1,640	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	6	26	19	611
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	21	43	788	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	20,430	37	57	1,517	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	16,885	13	54	109	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	16,342	11	52	20	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,845	7	56	932	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,422	24	56	921	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Rice-acres	102,410	2	19	4	153
Land in orchards-acres	98,205	8	56	12	2,693
Hay crops-acres	6,343	35	57	2,107	3,061
Wheat-acres	3,869	19	42	1,177	2,612
Safflower-acres	2,779	10	27	16	104

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 .....	830	875	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	1,112	1,069	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	208,977	136,214	53
Average per farm .....dollars..	107,554	70,069	53
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	82,989	42,772	94
Average per farm .....dollars..	42,712	22,002	94
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,461	1,511	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	448	414	8
Other .....	33	19	74
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	1,065	1,038	3
Other .....	877	906	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,690	1,725	-2
Female .....	252	219	15
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,836	1,865	-2
Black and other races .....	106	79	34
Average age of operator .....	55.6	54.7	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.