

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 22 percent from 57,418 acres in 1992 to 44,588 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 190 acres in 1992 to 186 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 166 farms in 1992 to 132 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

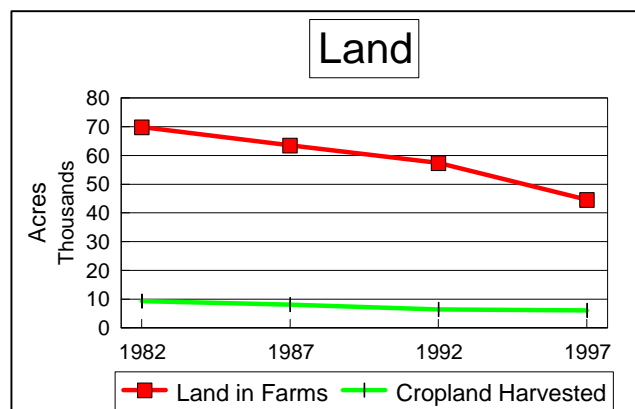
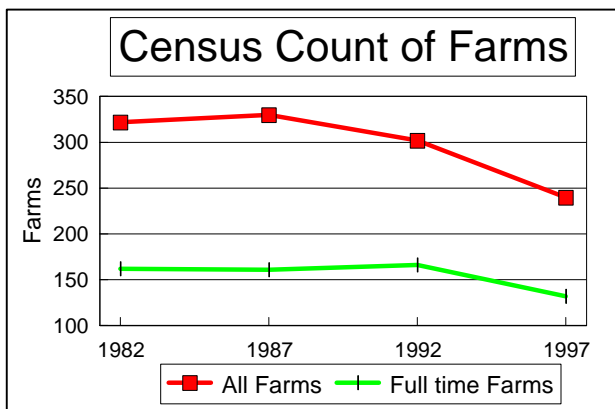
Increased 39 percent to \$138,669,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 74 percent from \$331,427 in 1992 to \$577,787 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	138,669	31	58	287	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	137,419	27	58	78	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,250	55	57	2,837	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	126,425	7	58	13	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	10,115	28	56	107	2,739
Cattle and calves	779	55	57	2,645	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	775	44	55	365	2,547
Horses and ponies	173	34	57	924	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	2,180	55	57	2,628	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	40	51	1,281	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	84	47	56	2,601	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	77	54	56	2,101	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	32	49	57	2,091	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,839	55	57	2,672	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,129	35	57	621	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	631	34	54	911	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	630	40	52	565	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	253	46	56	2,182	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,565	27	56	239	2,741
Hay crops-acres	1,607	48	57	2,773	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,355	23	58	213	2,619
Total herbs-acres	(D)	12	46	32	649
Oats-acres	189	24	35	1,413	2,332

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 .....	95	159	-40
\$10,000 or more .....	145	143	1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	99,947	76,583	31
Average per farm .....dollars..	416,448	253,586	64
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	36,889	21,906	68
Average per farm .....dollars..	153,705	72,536	112
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	172	206	-17
Partnership or corporation .....	65	91	-29
Other .....	3	5	-40
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	132	166	-20
Other .....	108	136	-21
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	199	246	-19
Female .....	41	56	-27
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	213	270	-21
Black and other races .....	27	32	-16
Average age of operator .....	54.2	54.8	-1

(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.