

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 34 percent from 52,905 acres in 1992 to 71,115 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 42 percent from 69 acres in 1992 to 98 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 426 farms in 1992 to 432 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

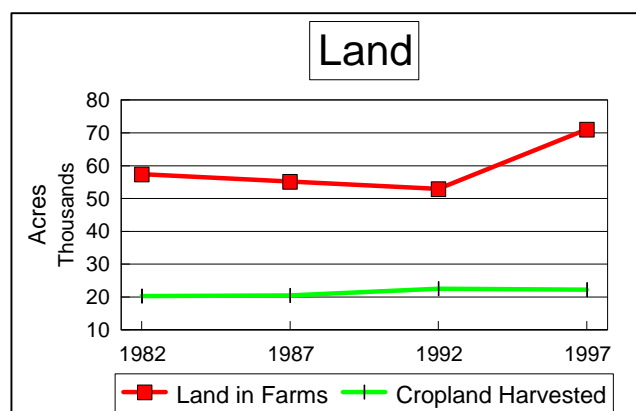
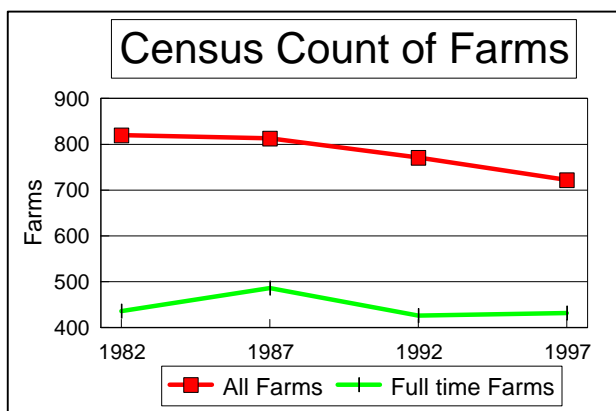
Increased 2 percent to \$247,815,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 9 percent from \$313,683 in 1992 to \$343,234 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	247,815	22	58	89	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	235,245	21	58	35	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,569	34	57	1,670	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Fruits, nuts, berries	105,904	17	55	29	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	76,437	9	58	22	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	52,777	16	56	29	2,739
Poultry & poultry products	5,849	15	55	552	2,901
All other livestock & products	(D)	2	42	19	1,649
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	14	43	528	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	13	47	616	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,515	54	57	2,561	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	679	40	56	1,058	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	555	20	44	328	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	14	50	515	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	14	56	469	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	6,046	21	52	83	2,588
Cattle and calves inventory	5,340	54	57	2,543	3,064
All goat inventory	1,939	4	54	94	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land used for vegetables-acres	9,597	18	56	73	2,741
Total berries-acres	5,658	3	49	9	2,058
Land in orchards-acres	4,473	33	56	127	2,693
All nursery-acres	1,708	20	58	161	2,619
Total herbs-acres	(D)	15	46	45	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 .....	304	382	-20
\$10,000 or more .....	418	389	7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	173,019	172,329	0
Average per farm .....dollars..	239,638	223,224	7
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	71,128	67,434	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	98,515	87,349	13
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	521	556	-6
Partnership or corporation .....	192	202	-5
Other .....	9	13	-31
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	432	426	1
Other .....	290	345	-16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	593	668	-11
Female .....	129	103	25
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	599	658	-9
Black and other races .....	123	113	9
Average age of operator .....	54.1	53.2	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.