

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 17 percent from 447,412 acres in 1992 to 371,881 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 22 percent from 551 acres in 1992 to 429 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 487 farms in 1992 to 458 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

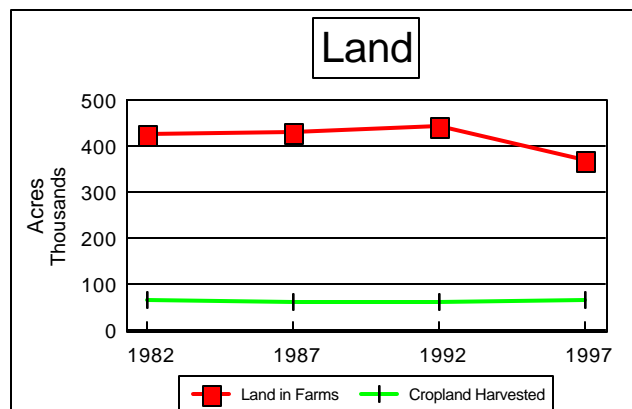
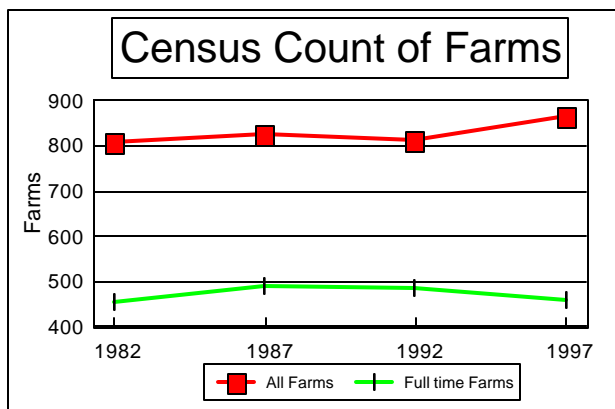
Increased 60 percent to \$88,274,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 50 percent from \$67,760 in 1992 to \$101,933 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	88,274	11	63	618	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	68,621	9	63	339	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	19,654	19	62	1,273	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	46,816	10	63	139	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	2	51	385	2,901
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	6,336	5	38	153	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,846	13	60	116	3,043
Dairy products	4,562	8	42	676	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	2	37	194	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	79,418	9	63	146	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	32,459	5	56	46	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	4,560	16	54	1,260	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	12	41	676	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	3	58	196	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	2	35	105	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	2	46	191	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	60,599	15	62	442	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	35,427	4	56	49	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	37,437	14	62	482	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	8,688	16	35	1,124	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	3,410	6	36	430	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	3,066	3	38	207	2,741
Wheat-acres	2,047	38	50	1,419	2,612

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 .....	422	402	5
\$10,000 or more .....	444	410	8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	84,505	46,472	82
Average per farm .....dollars..	97,693	57,161	71
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	971	7,182	-86
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,122	8,834	-87
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	756	686	10
Partnership or corporation .....	106	118	-10
Other .....	4	8	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	458	487	-6
Other .....	408	325	26
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	790	758	4
Female .....	76	54	41
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	849	799	6
Black and other races .....	17	13	31
Average age of operator .....	54.1	53.5	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.