

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 83,681 acres in 1992 to 85,093 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 23 percent from 44 acres in 1992 to 54 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 943 farms in 1992 to 831 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

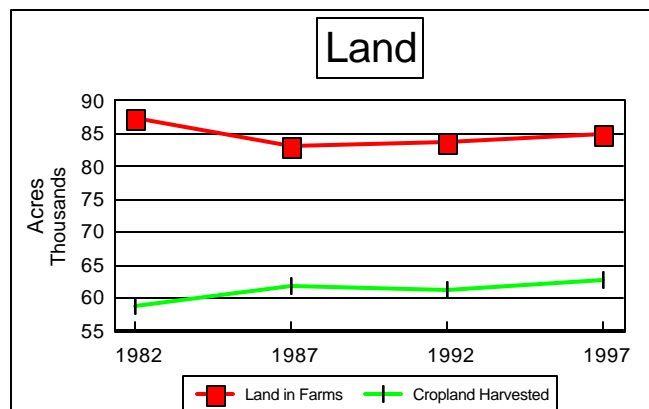
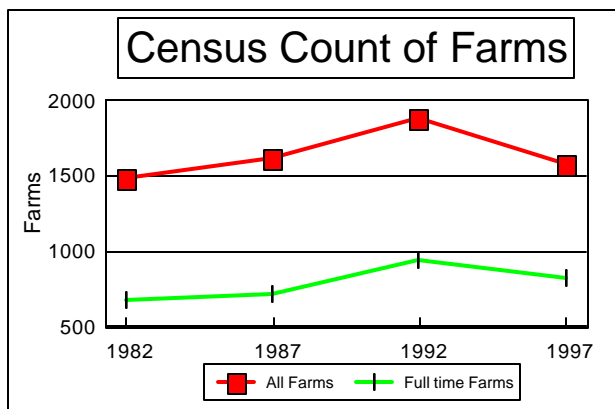
Increased 17 percent to \$416,502,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 40 percent from \$188,772 in 1992 to \$264,278 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	416,502	2	67	39	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	408,854	2	67	18	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,648	34	67	2,069	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	242,745	1	67	2	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	129,192	3	64	13	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	19,491	17	64	87	2,547
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	17,069	5	54	82	2,237
Aquaculture	5,837	2	56	30	1,505
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	57	39	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	1,311	60	67	2,771	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	713	31	56	1,018	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	21	38	424	1,593
All goats sold	373	8	62	265	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	3	65	43	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	6,460	8	65	76	2,588
Cattle and calves inventory	3,297	60	67	2,715	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,047	26	65	956	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	1,870	13	47	374	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land used for vegetables-acres	34,360	2	64	15	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	12,617	19	66	72	2,693
All nursery-acres	6,715	4	66	21	2,619
Potatoes-acres	5,543	2	35	50	1,733
Sweetpotatoes-acres	1,460	1	19	16	465

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	769	1,120	-31
\$10,000 or more	807	771	5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	284,059	253,635	12
Average per farmdollars..	180,012	134,198	34
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	130,641	103,519	26
Average per farmdollars..	82,789	54,772	51
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,018	1,261	-19
Partnership or corporation	546	612	-11
Other	12	18	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	831	943	-12
Other	745	948	-21
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,358	1,686	-19
Female	218	205	6
Operators by race:			
White	1,404	1,712	-18
Black and other races	172	179	-4
Average age of operator	54.3	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.