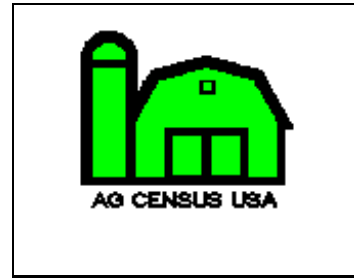


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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 57,179 acres in 1992 to 54,617 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 126 acres in 1992 to 117 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 185 farms in 1992 to 196 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

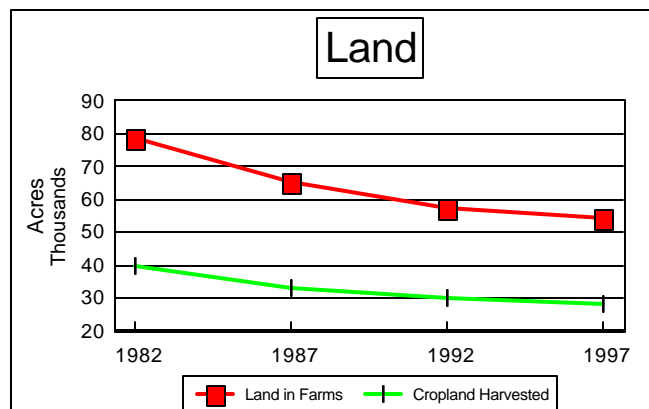
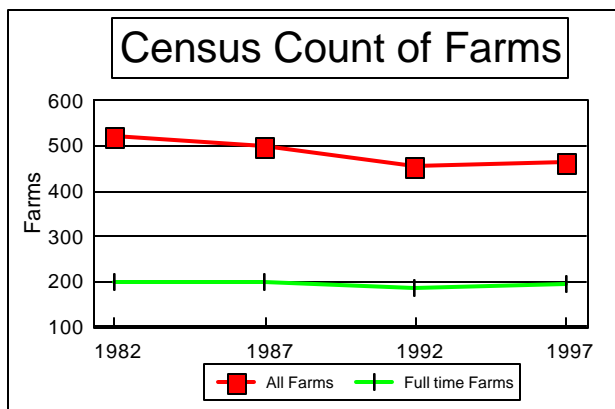
Increased 3 percent to \$16,183,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased slightly from \$34,479 in 1992 to \$34,727 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	16,183	52	67	2,249	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,436	45	67	1,798	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,747	39	67	2,161	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	5,078	3	19	238	709
Dairy products	3,766	25	52	757	2,563
Cattle and calves	1,458	44	67	2,352	3,063
Soybeans	1,106	2	24	1,157	2,136
Corn for grain	1,082	5	46	1,307	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	17	39	505	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	3,942	46	67	2,327	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	868	19	64	1,855	2,976
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	5	23	98	611
All goats sold	284	14	62	347	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	18	57	511	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	8,712	46	67	2,264	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	1,224	33	65	413	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	973	10	65	1,619	3,005
All goat inventory	586	12	64	387	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	12,422	3	19	238	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	5,798	2	24	1,162	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	4,357	5	52	1,376	2,691
Hay crops-acres	3,881	24	67	2,439	3,061
Wheat-acres	3,341	2	25	1,233	2,612

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	340	311	9
\$10,000 or more	126	143	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,294	10,743	33
Average per farmdollars..	30,674	23,560	30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,622	2,287	-29
Average per farmdollars..	3,481	5,015	-31
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	426	423	1
Partnership or corporation	36	26	38
Other	4	5	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	196	185	6
Other	270	269	0
Operators by sex:			
Male	411	421	-2
Female	55	33	67
Operators by race:			
White	441	438	1
Black and other races	25	16	56
Average age of operator	56.9	55.2	3

(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.