

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 17 percent from 190,553 acres in 1992 to 157,376 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 29 percent from 403 acres in 1992 to 287 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 228 farms in 1992 to 232 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

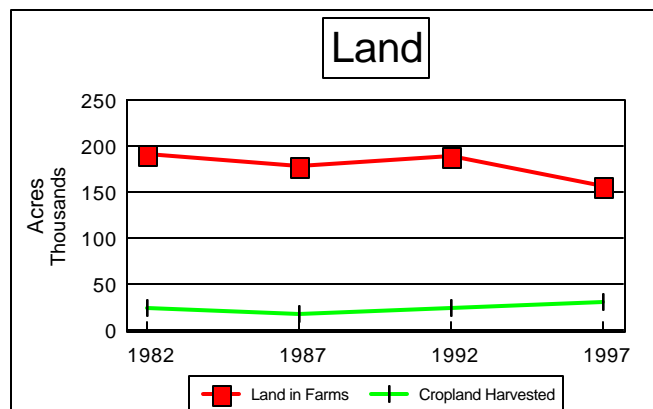
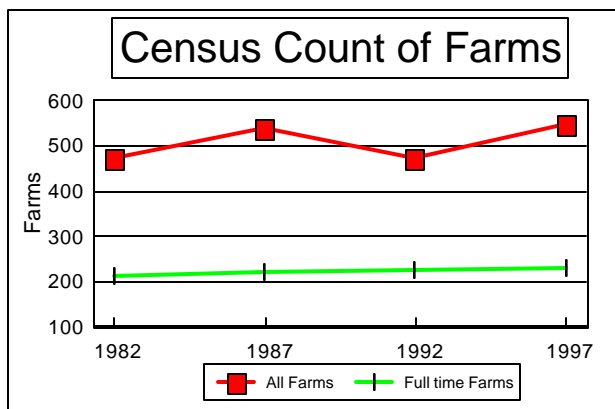
Increased 22 percent to \$51,822,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 5 percent from \$89,975 in 1992 to \$94,393 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                   | 51,822   | 27    | 67        | 1,160 | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 35,260   | 11    | 67        | 763   | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 16,562   | 36    | 67        | 1,413 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Dairy products  | 21,378   | 4     | 52        | 198   | 2,563     |
| Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc                         | 7,434    | 11    | 54        | 168   | 2,237     |
| Cattle and calves   | 7,216    | 16    | 67        | 1,159 | 3,063     |
| Aquaculture   | (D)      | 3     | 56        | 36    | 1,505     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | 3,994    | 40    | 67        | 463   | 2,790     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 20,276   | 15    | 67        | 967   | 3,063     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 817      | 22    | 64        | 1,877 | 2,976     |
| Horses and ponies sold                                      | 232      | 5     | 66        | 281   | 3,015     |
| All goats sold  | 174      | 21    | 62        | 549   | 2,686     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 40       | 26    | 46        | 2,348 | 2,765     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 52,661   | 11    | 67        | 560   | 3,064     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 1,379    | 7     | 67        | 452   | 3,066     |
| Colony of bees inventory                                    | (D)      | 38    | 65        | 500   | 2,588     |
| All goat inventory  | 585      | 13    | 64        | 389   | 2,983     |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | 440      | 26    | 65        | 1,924 | 3,005     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 12,564   | 5     | 67        | 1,459 | 3,061     |
| Peanuts-acres   | 8,968    | 3     | 30        | 54    | 466       |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 4,980    | 2     | 43        | 311   | 2,473     |
| Land used for vegetables-acres                              | 2,400    | 15    | 64        | 253   | 2,741     |
| Field seeds-acres   | 1,869    | 4     | 26        | 103   | 1,212     |

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 .....                       | 308    | 258    | 19             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 241    | 215    | 12             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 37,145 | 34,680 | 7              |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 67,783 | 73,474 | -8             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 13,730 | 7,265  | 89             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 25,055 | 15,391 | 63             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 479    | 414    | 16             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 67     | 57     | 18             |
| Other .....                                    | 3      | 2      | 50             |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 232    | 228    | 2              |
| Other .....                                    | 317    | 245    | 29             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 483    | 398    | 21             |
| Female .....                                   | 66     | 75     | -12            |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 534    | 463    | 15             |
| Black and other races .....                    | 15     | 10     | 50             |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 55.4   | 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.