

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 38 percent from 199,724 acres in 1992 to 276,573 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 46 percent from 403 acres in 1992 to 588 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 173 farms in 1992 to 170 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

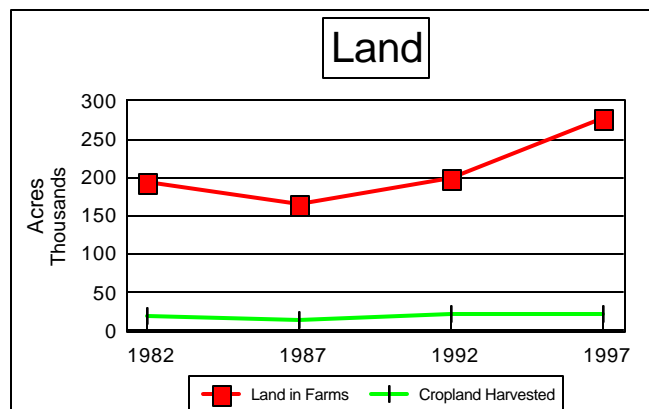
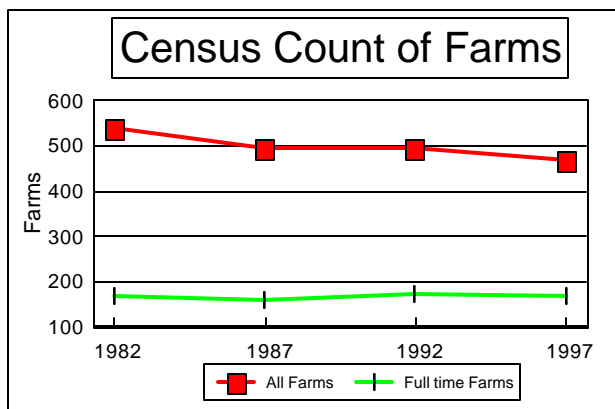
Increased 8 percent to \$37,956,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 14 percent from \$70,838 in 1992 to \$80,758 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	37,956	33	67	1,490	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	32,485	27	67	879	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,471	43	67	2,305	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Fruits, nuts, berries	13,891	21	64	102	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	12,899	19	67	161	2,790
Cattle and calves	4,169	25	67	1,599	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	18	54	328	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	3	65	383	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	11,699	25	67	1,470	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	671	24	64	1,943	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	32	56	1,166	2,203
Colonies of bees sold	232	6	23	128	611
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	34	57	1,167	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	23,757	24	67	1,367	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	10,522	4	65	41	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	706	20	67	1,150	3,066
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	18	47	475	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	171	49	65	2,315	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land in orchards-acres	11,645	21	66	74	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	3	43	377	2,473
All nursery-acres	3,092	10	66	74	2,619
Hay crops-acres	1,075	47	67	2,859	3,061
Potatoes-acres	(D)	8	35	161	1,733

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 .....	301	336	-10
\$10,000 or more .....	169	160	6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	26,911	28,023	-4
Average per farm .....dollars..	57,379	56,499	2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	11,625	4,549	156
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,787	9,172	170
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	359	383	-6
Partnership or corporation .....	108	107	1
Other .....	3	6	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	170	173	-2
Other .....	300	323	-7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	394	423	-7
Female .....	76	73	4
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	460	482	-5
Black and other races .....	10	14	-29
Average age of operator .....	57.2	56.7	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.