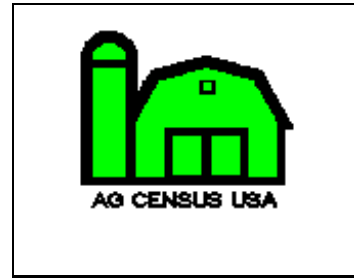


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Land in farms

Increased 28 percent from 227,202 acres in 1992 to 290,340 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 31 percent from 1,062 acres in 1992 to 1,389 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 93 farms in 1992 to 99 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

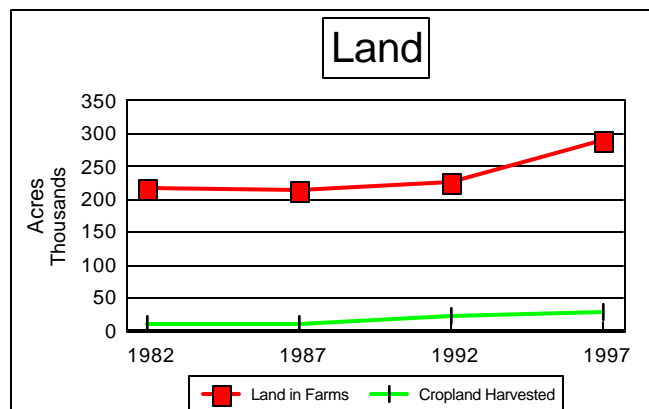
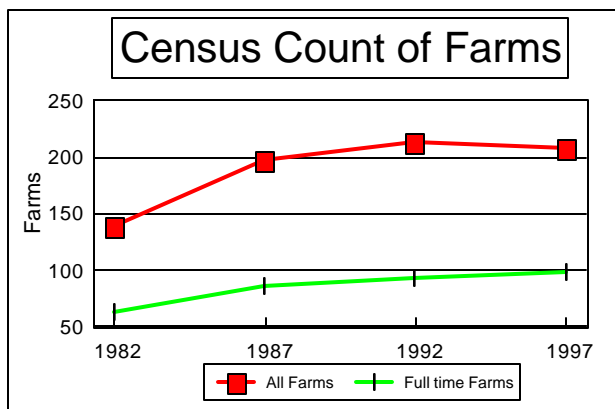
Increased 32 percent to \$50,162,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$177,117 in 1992 to \$240,010 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	50,162	30	67	1,194	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	44,862	20	67	620	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,300	44	67	2,325	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	30,528	12	64	65	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	11,801	23	67	175	2,790
Cattle and calves	4,609	21	67	1,514	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	30	64	315	2,739
Colonies of bees and honey	364	11	63	87	1,992
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	12,980	23	67	1,371	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	11	38	162	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	33	56	1,167	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	27	39	1,242	1,882
All goats sold	76	33	62	1,097	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	25,159	23	67	1,309	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	3,404	19	65	177	2,588
Rabbit inventory	(D)	7	61	140	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	235	49	67	2,460	3,066
Broiler inventory	(D)	30	57	1,301	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	23,504	13	66	45	2,693
All nursery-acres	(D)	13	66	87	2,619
Hay crops-acres	1,209	44	67	2,843	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,201	26	64	403	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	41	52	2,498	2,691

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	102	109	-6
\$10,000 or more	107	105	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	37,677	30,137	25
Average per farmdollars..	180,274	141,488	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,455	6,460	93
Average per farmdollars..	59,594	30,328	96
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	151	139	9
Partnership or corporation	53	70	-24
Other	5	5	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	99	93	6
Other	110	121	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	185	191	-3
Female	24	23	4
Operators by race:			
White	206	212	-3
Black and other races	3	2	50
Average age of operator	57.1	57.3	-0

(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.