

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 46 percent from 48,755 acres in 1992 to 71,304 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 29 percent from 315 acres in 1992 to 405 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 71 farms in 1992 to 65 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

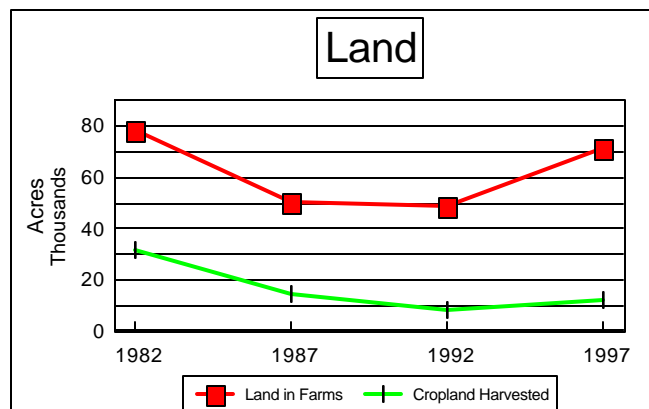
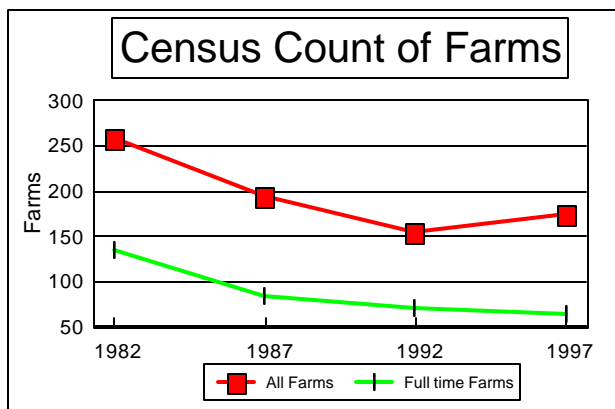
Increased 25 percent to \$8,853,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 10 percent from \$45,530 in 1992 to \$50,299 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	8,853	112	159	2,564	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	8,104	60	159	1,886	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	749	141	159	2,919	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,618	13	144	193	2,739
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,166	47	111	448	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	805	69	99	421	709
Cattle and calves	692	110	159	2,680	3,063
Tobacco	535	34	56	340	580
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	1,864	113	159	2,672	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	526	93	149	2,040	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,754	110	159	2,677	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	504	87	155	1,876	3,005
All goat inventory	59	117	157	2,140	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	47	139	159	2,980	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	45	113	1,467	2,588
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Cotton-acres	2,824	63	99	386	713
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,076	17	144	283	2,741
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,876	51	123	1,431	2,144
Hay crops-acres	1,596	117	159	2,775	3,061
Peanuts-acres	1,262	52	81	147	466

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 .....	115	81	42
\$10,000 or more .....	61	74	-18
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,834	5,526	24
Average per farm .....dollars..	39,053	35,654	10
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,016	1,312	54
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,520	8,463	36
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	150	143	5
Partnership or corporation .....	24	12	100
Other .....	2	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	65	71	-8
Other .....	111	84	32
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	159	146	9
Female .....	17	9	89
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	168	144	17
Black and other races .....	8	11	-27
Average age of operator .....	58.8	55.8	5

(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.