

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 8,518 acres in 1992 to 8,694 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 213 acres in 1992 to 207 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 19 farms in 1992 to 21 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

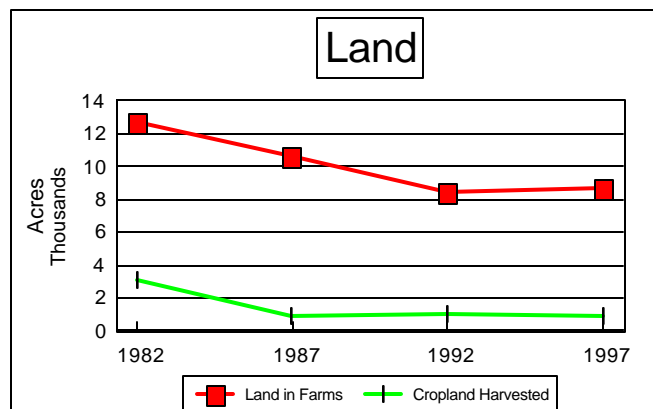
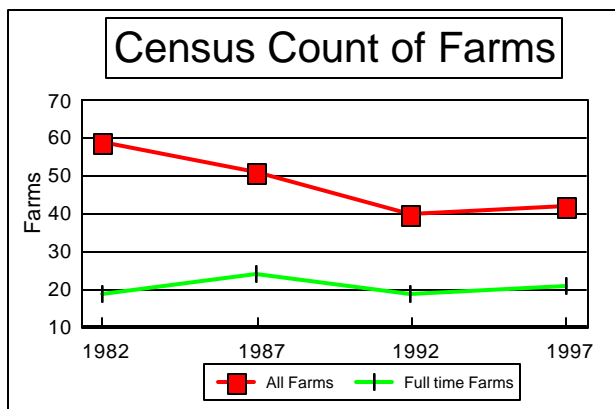
Increased 38 percent to \$2,935,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 31 percent from \$53,328 in 1992 to \$69,871 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	2,935	141	159	2,888	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	2,767	86	159	2,400	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	168	153	159	3,010	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,676	23	149	601	2,790
Cattle and calves	(D)	150	159	2,953	3,063
Wheat	(D)	85	134	1,925	2,578
Aquaculture	(D)	16	73	553	1,505
Corn for grain	(D)	102	146	2,229	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	361	153	159	2,947	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	135	145	2,505	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	525	154	159	2,978	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	53	136	159	2,972	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	83	126	2,373	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	52	113	1,633	2,588
All goat inventory	(D)	151	157	2,665	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	(D)	90	135	1,965	2,612
Hay crops-acres	321	151	159	2,987	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	108	153	2,285	2,691
All nursery-acres	20	87	146	1,865	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	9	137	156	2,185	2,693

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 .....	24	17	41
\$10,000 or more .....	18	23	-22
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	2,040	1,503	36
Average per farm .....dollars..	48,563	37,572	29
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	895	630	42
Average per farm .....dollars..	21,308	15,757	35
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	27	31	-13
Partnership or corporation .....	11	6	83
Other .....	4	3	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	21	19	11
Other .....	21	21	
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	35	31	13
Female .....	7	9	-22
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	41	38	8
Black and other races .....	1	2	-50
Average age of operator .....	57.0	62.5	-9

(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.