

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 33,641 acres in 1992 to 32,167 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

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

### Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 185 farms in 1992 to 204 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

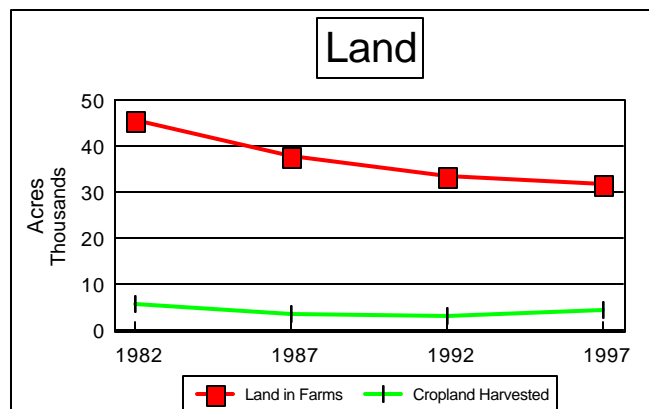
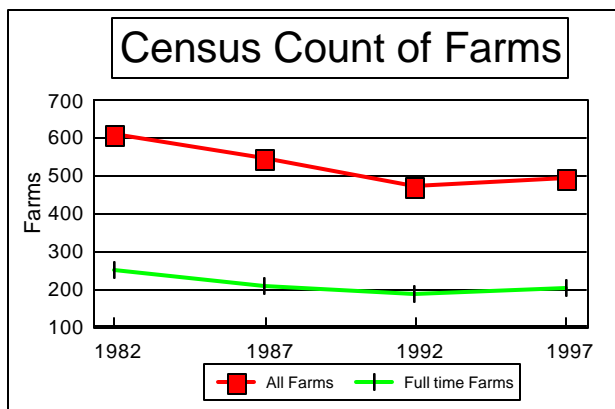
Increased 16 percent to \$54,634,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 11 percent from \$99,392 in 1992 to \$110,819 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	54,634	26	159	1,093	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	48,791	21	159	529	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,843	66	159	2,053	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	46,401	17	142	131	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,474	9	149	366	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,472	68	159	2,349	3,063
Horses and ponies	333	5	145	462	3,015
Hogs and pigs	(D)	62	149	1,412	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	20,758,494	16	101	92	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	16	101	164	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	11	79	164	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	4,196	61	159	2,292	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	62	149	1,393	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	2,883,854	17	117	116	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	4	64	37	1,790
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	112,203	30	148	400	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	13	126	135	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	8,185	66	159	2,313	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	3,831	52	159	2,446	3,061
All nursery-acres	207	24	146	897	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	105	153	2,264	2,691
Wheat-acres	(D)	117	135	2,315	2,612
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	82	2	94	269	1,965

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 .....	335	294	14
\$10,000 or more .....	158	179	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	42,505	40,455	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	86,392	85,529	1
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,363	5,344	56
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,998	11,298	50
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	451	432	4
Partnership or corporation .....	37	39	-5
Other .....	5	2	150
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	204	185	10
Other .....	289	288	0
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	422	400	6
Female .....	71	73	-3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	491	473	4
Black and other races .....	2	-	
Average age of operator .....	55.4	53.6	3

(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.