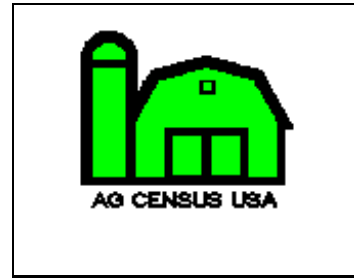


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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 168,593 acres in 1992 to 164,393 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 493 acres in 1992 to 491 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 197 farms in 1992 to 173 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

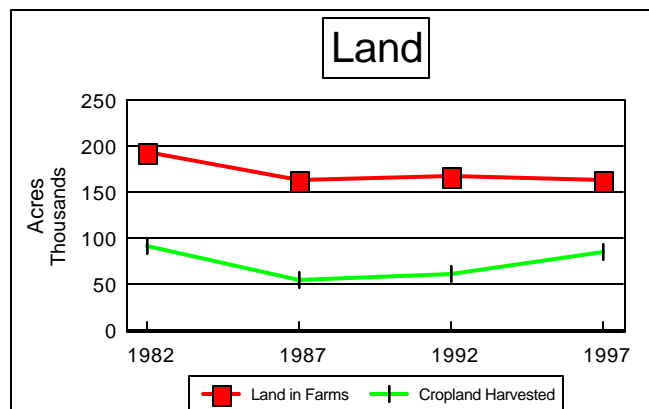
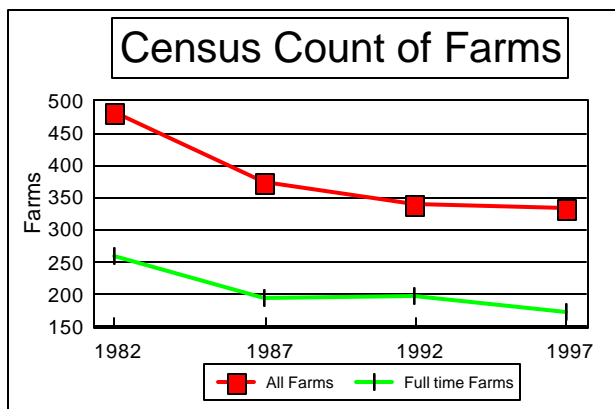
Increased 65 percent to \$76,139,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 69 percent from \$134,685 in 1992 to \$227,280 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	76,139	16	159	754	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	66,119	4	159	352	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,020	65	159	1,856	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	24,255	3	144	49	2,739
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	18,564	3	111	74	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	16,733	11	99	97	709
Poultry & poultry products	5,583	69	142	568	2,901
Corn for grain	2,411	15	146	1,049	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,849,476	60	101	339	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	69	101	758	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	5,577	40	159	2,081	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,392	61	149	1,372	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	49	79	1,513	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	79	117	459	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	58	148	683	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	10,891	41	159	2,066	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,063	56	155	1,334	3,005
All goat inventory	78	108	157	1,947	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Cotton-acres	34,720	11	99	106	713
Peanuts-acres	20,832	4	81	14	466
Land used for vegetables-acres	10,073	4	144	69	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	7,988	18	153	1,151	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,655	17	123	1,129	2,144

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 .....	155	141	10
\$10,000 or more .....	180	201	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	55,486	37,333	49
Average per farm .....dollars..	165,630	109,160	52
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	18,445	10,708	72
Average per farm .....dollars..	55,061	31,310	76
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	276	288	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	57	50	14
Other .....	2	4	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	173	197	-12
Other .....	162	145	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	308	320	-4
Female .....	27	22	23
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	307	316	-3
Black and other races .....	28	26	8
Average age of operator .....	55.9	55.4	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.