

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 16,362 acres in 1992 to 17,896 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 39 percent from 192 acres in 1992 to 267 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 36 farms in 1992 to 29 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

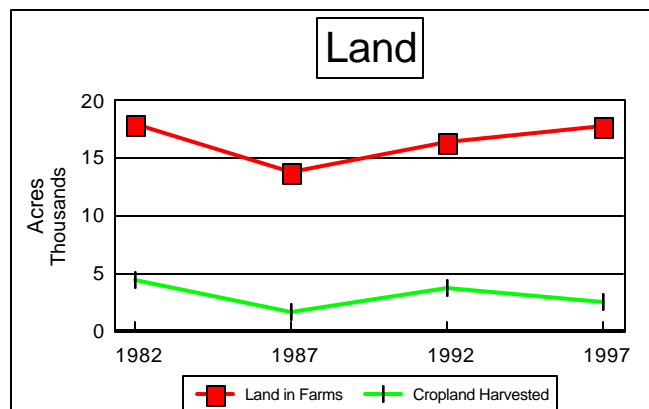
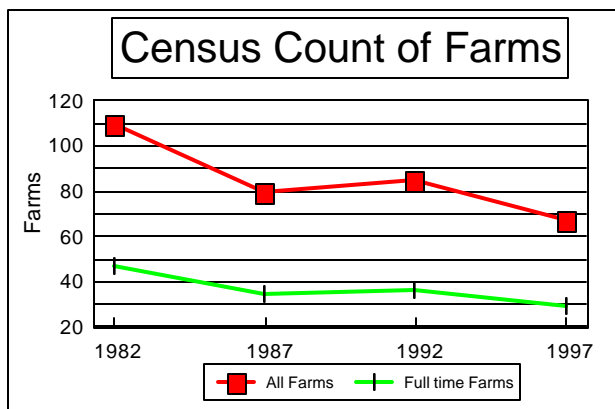
Decreased 10 percent to \$5,059,000 in 1997.

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 15 percent from \$65,809 in 1992 to \$75,507 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	5,059	123	159	2,761	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,748	73	159	2,146	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	311	150	159	2,982	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,092	20	144	267	2,739
Tobacco	1,167	29	56	296	580
Cotton, cottonseed	251	80	99	516	709
Colonies of bees and honey	(D)	6	67	195	1,992
Cattle and calves	117	154	159	2,964	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	353	154	159	2,950	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	8	15	155	611
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	123	149	2,686	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Colony of bees inventory	2,225	10	113	275	2,588
Cattle and calves inventory	553	153	159	2,974	3,064
All goat inventory	65	115	157	2,063	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	129	155	2,748	3,005
Broiler inventory	(D)	110	117	2,399	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Land used for vegetables-acres	950	29	144	471	2,741
Cotton-acres	450	83	99	560	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	93	123	1,773	2,144
Tobacco-acres	316	30	56	307	583
Corn for grain-acres	213	102	153	2,236	2,691

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 .....	40	50	-20
\$10,000 or more .....	27	35	-23
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	3,448	3,720	-7
Average per farm .....dollars..	51,467	43,770	18
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,611	1,873	-14
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,041	22,039	9
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	60	75	-20
Partnership or corporation .....	6	9	-33
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	29	36	-19
Other .....	38	49	-22
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	61	75	-19
Female .....	6	10	-40
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	67	83	-19
Black and other races .....	-	2	-100
Average age of operator .....	52.8	54.9	-4

(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.