

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 17 percent from 22,212 acres in 1992 to 18,350 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 107 acres in 1992 to 100 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 79 farms in 1992 to 64 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

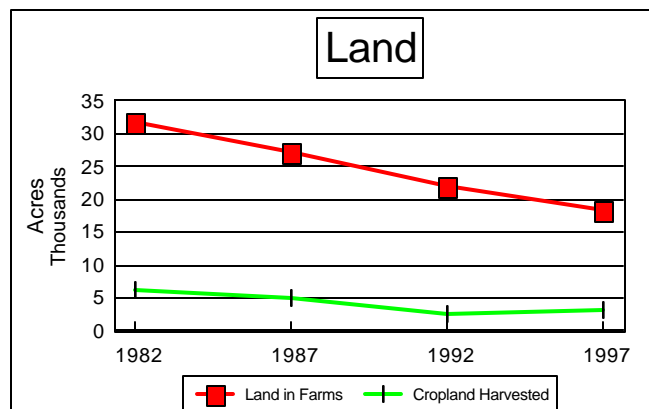
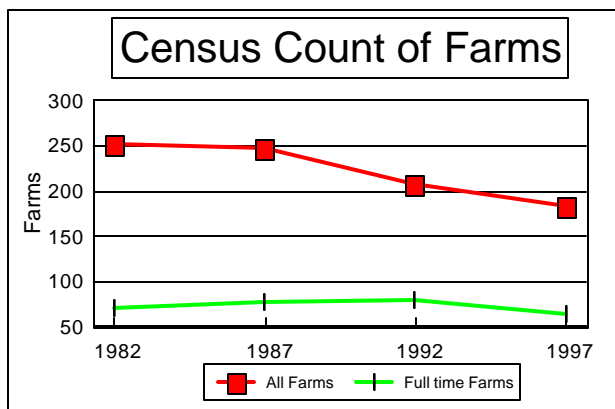
Increased 111 percent to \$4,029,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 138 percent from \$9,199 in 1992 to \$21,898 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	4,029	132	159	2,819	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	2,533	89	159	2,428	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,496	134	159	2,809	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,153	29	149	677	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,170	76	159	2,463	3,063
Horses and ponies	285	9	145	542	3,015
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	192	67	144	1,079	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	108	78	159	2,648	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	2,880	86	159	2,499	3,063
All goats sold	272	16	145	359	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	225	1	145	296	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	140	149	2,882	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	76	84	2,668	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,588	104	159	2,619	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	358	27	159	2,009	3,066
All goat inventory	88	104	157	1,841	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	48	112	148	2,811	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	44	83	126	2,373	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	2,544	86	159	2,633	3,061
Oats-acres	(D)	41	98	1,437	2,332
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	104	123	1,908	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	144	60	144	1,079	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	117	153	2,334	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 .....	139	170	-18
\$10,000 or more .....	45	38	18
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	3,162	2,271	39
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,002	10,867	56
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	911	(186)	590
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,897	(889)	651
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	164	188	-13
Partnership or corporation .....	17	16	6
Other .....	3	4	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	64	79	-19
Other .....	120	129	-7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	161	192	-16
Female .....	23	16	44
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	183	206	-11
Black and other races .....	1	2	-50
Average age of operator .....	57.9	55.9	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.