

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 73,869 acres in 1992 to 68,855 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 137 acres in 1992 to 129 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 267 farms in 1992 to 221 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

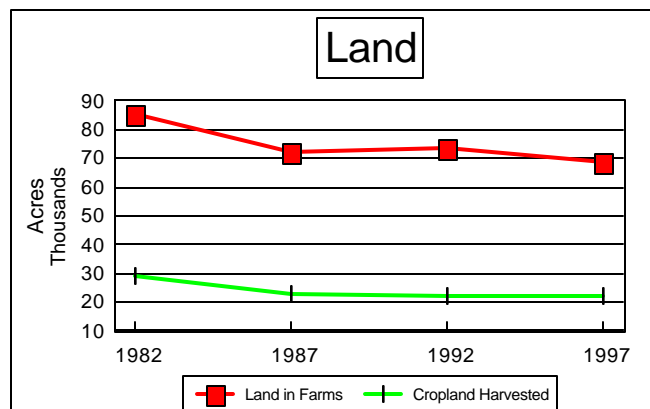
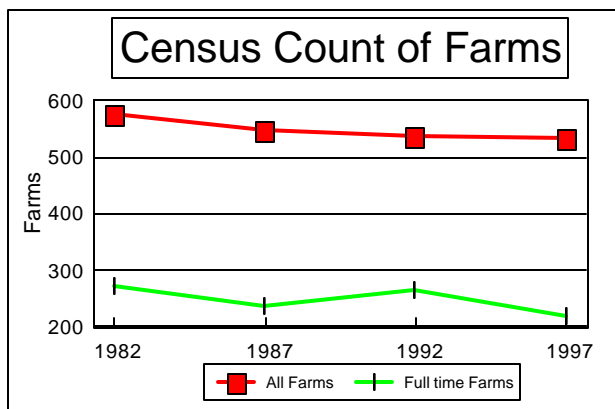
Increased 34 percent to \$88,329,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 35 percent from \$122,683 in 1992 to \$165,101 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                   | 88,329     | 14    | 159       | 617   | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 83,986     | 9     | 159       | 255   | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 4,343      | 76    | 159       | 2,200 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |            |       |           |       |           |
| Poultry & poultry products                                  | 78,730     | 8     | 142       | 69    | 2,901     |
| Cattle and calves   | 3,309      | 9     | 159       | 1,784 | 3,063     |
| Soybeans  | 2,269      | 4     | 123       | 949   | 2,136     |
| Dairy products  | 1,369      | 36    | 117       | 1,251 | 2,563     |
| Corn for grain  | 973        | 31    | 146       | 1,346 | 2,582     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |            |       |           |       |           |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold                  | 34,950,256 | 9     | 101       | 56    | 1,882     |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | 924,566    | 9     | 101       | 93    | 2,203     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 8,992      | 9     | 159       | 1,692 | 3,063     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | (D)        | 51    | 149       | 1,235 | 2,976     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 67         | 22    | 84        | 2,163 | 2,765     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |            |       |           |       |           |
| Broiler inventory   | 5,252,310  | 9     | 117       | 65    | 2,620     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 520,632    | 11    | 148       | 150   | 3,002     |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory                  | 244,120    | 6     | 93        | 57    | 2,549     |
| Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory                        | 122,015    | 9     | 64        | 119   | 1,790     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 16,352     | 16    | 159       | 1,737 | 3,064     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |            |       |           |       |           |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 9,916      | 10    | 123       | 1,002 | 2,144     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 8,052      | 11    | 159       | 1,903 | 3,061     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 3,569      | 38    | 153       | 1,457 | 2,691     |
| Wheat-acres   | 1,097      | 66    | 135       | 1,634 | 2,612     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 325        | 28    | 102       | 1,633 | 2,473     |

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 .....                       | 313     | 295    | 6              |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 222     | 243    | -9             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 72,977  | 52,181 | 40             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 136,405 | 96,810 | 41             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |         |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 13,898  | 10,004 | 39             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 25,978  | 18,561 | 40             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |         |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 487     | 492    | -1             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 46      | 43     | 7              |
| Other .....                                    | 2       | 3      | -33            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |         |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |         |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 221     | 267    | -17            |
| Other .....                                    | 314     | 271    | 16             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |         |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 490     | 493    | -1             |
| Female .....                                   | 45      | 45     |                |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |         |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 531     | 535    | -1             |
| Black and other races .....                    | 4       | 3      | 33             |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 54.8    | 54.8   |                |

(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.