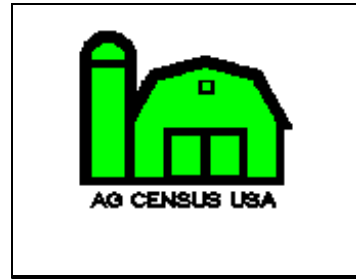


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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 35,387 acres in 1992 to 33,653 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 347 acres in 1992 to 327 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 42 farms in 1992 to 32 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

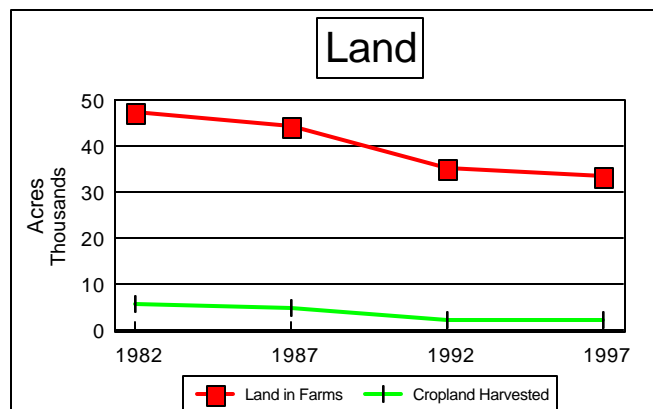
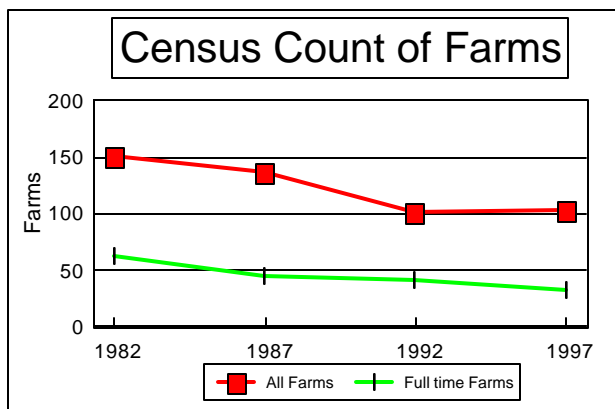
Increased 148 percent to \$3,273,000 in 1997.

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 146 percent from \$12,927 in 1992 to \$31,777 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,273	135	159	2,864	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,124	109	159	2,578	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	149	151	159	3,008	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,386	28	159	2,027	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	54	149	1,281	2,976
Dairy products	(D)	79	117	1,960	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	99	72	153	934	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	18	146	159	2,957	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,392	44	159	2,107	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	58	149	1,324	2,976
All goats sold	41	84	145	1,570	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	90	101	1,848	2,203
Turkeys sold	(D)	7	16	853	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,555	116	159	2,694	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	41	155	1,168	3,005
All goat inventory	147	86	157	1,431	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	113	106	159	2,831	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	57	106	148	2,781	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,981	107	159	2,716	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	304	62	156	611	2,693
Wheat-acres	(D)	103	135	2,172	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	142	153	2,542	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	117	144	2,134	2,741

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	82	80	3
\$10,000 or more	21	22	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,203	1,329	66
Average per farmdollars..	21,390	13,025	64
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	983	(86)	1243
Average per farmdollars..	9,546	(839)	1238
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	93	95	-2
Partnership or corporation	10	7	43
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	32	42	-24
Other	71	60	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	92	92	
Female	11	10	10
Operators by race:			
White	89	90	-1
Black and other races	14	12	17
Average age of operator	55.6	59.3	-6

(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.