

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



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Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 72,626 acres in 1992 to 71,201 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 276 acres in 1992 to 324 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 129 farms in 1992 to 101 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

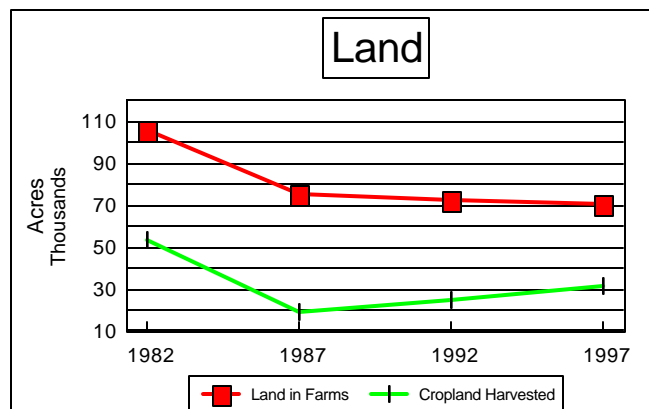
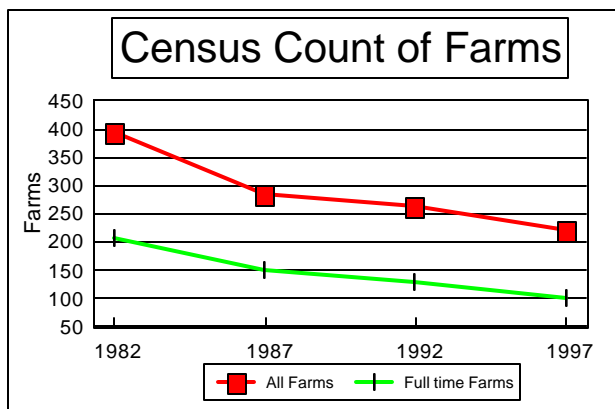
Increased 74 percent to \$23,324,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 108 percent from \$50,855 in 1992 to \$106,017 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	23,324	73	159	1,981	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,483	41	159	1,420	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,841	80	159	2,148	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	9,692	26	99	153	709
Poultry & poultry products	5,934	65	142	548	2,901
Tobacco	3,901	13	56	184	580
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,258	34	144	483	2,739
Corn for grain	730	41	146	1,439	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,495,000	66	101	360	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	79,215	52	101	525	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	3,903	55	149	1,321	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,528	123	159	2,721	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	34	79	662	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	475,045	59	117	335	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	99,200	33	148	429	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	3,079	120	159	2,738	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,777	48	155	1,217	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	26	126	470	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	22,019	26	99	164	713
Corn for grain-acres	3,927	37	153	1,421	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,759	53	123	1,451	2,144
Hay crops-acres	1,380	127	159	2,809	3,061
Tobacco-acres	1,139	14	56	188	583

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	117	117	
\$10,000 or more	103	146	-29
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	18,201	10,485	74
Average per farmdollars..	82,730	39,866	108
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,633	2,392	94
Average per farmdollars..	21,061	9,094	132
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	191	230	-17
Partnership or corporation	27	32	-16
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	101	129	-22
Other	119	134	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	200	244	-18
Female	20	19	5
Operators by race:			
White	215	254	-15
Black and other races	5	9	-44
Average age of operator	53.2	54.1	-2

(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.