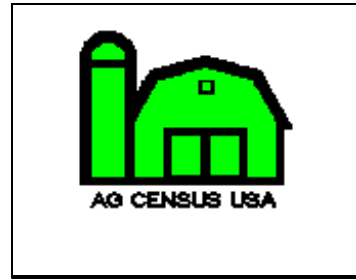


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Land in farms

Increased 18 percent from 168,051 acres in 1992 to 198,424 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 281 acres in 1992 to 288 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 258 farms in 1992 to 234 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

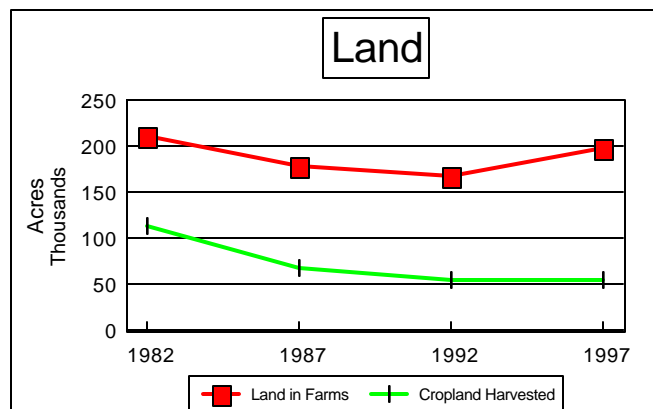
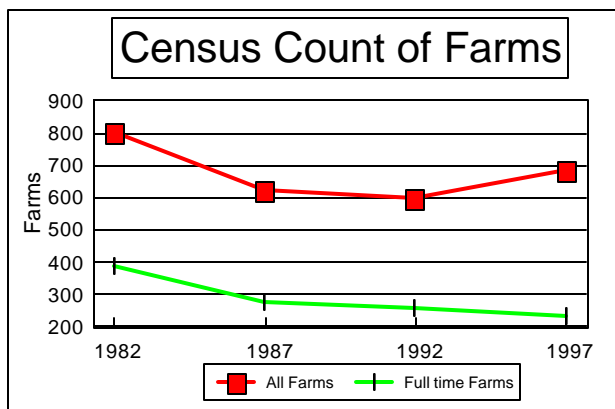
Decreased 3 percent to \$23,757,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 15 percent from \$40,750 in 1992 to \$34,531 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 | 23,757 | 72 | 159 | 1,964 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 18,937 | 37 | 159 | 1,301 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 4,820 | 93 | 159 | 2,377 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | (D) | 6 | 149 | 330 | 2,790 |
| Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc | 3,723 | 32 | 111 | 268 | 2,237 |
| Cotton, cottonseed | 3,721 | 44 | 99 | 269 | 709 |
| Cattle and calves | 2,726 | 20 | 159 | 1,923 | 3,063 |
| Wheat | 1,430 | 7 | 134 | 776 | 2,578 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 8,885 | 32 | 149 | 1,051 | 2,976 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 8,075 | 17 | 159 | 1,783 | 3,063 |
| All goats sold | 301 | 12 | 145 | 326 | 2,686 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 62 | 24 | 145 | 1,409 | 3,015 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | (D) | 29 | 84 | 2,234 | 2,765 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 14,726 | 22 | 159 | 1,819 | 3,064 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 5,104 | 30 | 155 | 1,006 | 3,005 |
| All goat inventory | 835 | 6 | 157 | 242 | 2,983 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 361 | 26 | 159 | 1,998 | 3,066 |
| Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory | (D) | 32 | 64 | 445 | 1,790 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | 13,758 | 5 | 123 | 913 | 2,144 |
| Cotton-acres | 11,831 | 41 | 99 | 243 | 713 |
| Wheat-acres | 10,255 | 7 | 135 | 761 | 2,612 |
| Peanuts-acres | 8,389 | 23 | 81 | 56 | 466 |
| Hay crops-acres | 7,685 | 15 | 159 | 1,938 | 3,061 |

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 | 497 | 373 | 33 |
| \$10,000 or more | 191 | 226 | -15 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 20,261 | 19,678 | 3 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 29,449 | 32,852 | -10 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 3,282 | 3,094 | 6 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 4,770 | 5,165 | -8 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 624 | 537 | 16 |
| Partnership or corporation | 55 | 57 | -4 |
| Other | 9 | 5 | 80 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 234 | 258 | -9 |
| Other | 454 | 341 | 33 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 623 | 553 | 13 |
| Female | 65 | 46 | 41 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 641 | 567 | 13 |
| Black and other races | 47 | 32 | 47 |
| Average age of operator | 58.1 | 56.9 | 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.