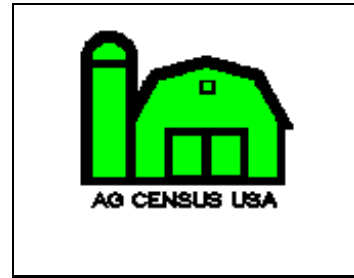


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Land in farms

Increased 13 percent from 47,071 acres in 1992 to 53,325 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 30 percent from 257 acres in 1992 to 335 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 115 farms in 1992 to 92 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

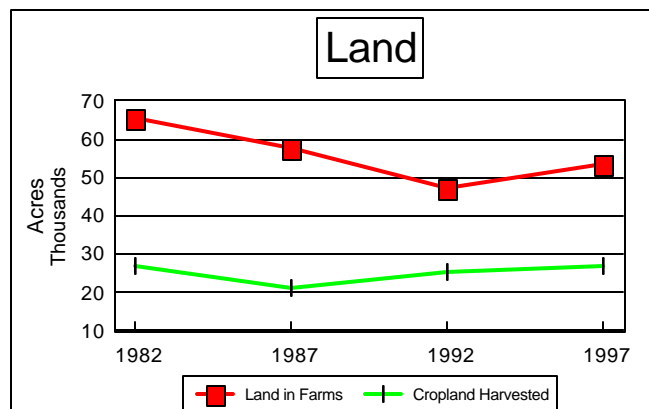
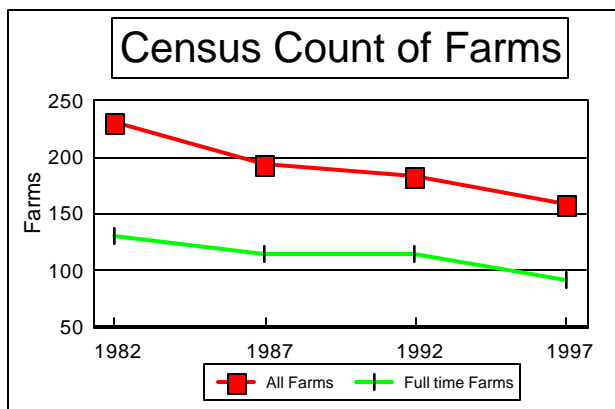
Increased 15 percent to \$16,381,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$77,832 in 1992 to \$103,025 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	16,381	90	159	2,241	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,491	47	159	1,623	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,890	101	159	2,477	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	4,714	27	111	234	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	3,389	48	99	281	709
Corn for grain	2,616	13	146	1,026	2,582
Poultry & poultry products	2,548	82	142	739	2,901
Tobacco	835	30	56	316	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,334,000	77	101	430	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	2,138	69	149	1,526	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,764	115	159	2,688	3,063
All goats sold	166	28	145	583	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	92	145	2,647	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	277,000	72	117	410	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	4,286	106	159	2,641	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,047	73	155	1,588	3,005
All goat inventory	346	31	157	706	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	59	133	159	2,959	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	8,837	46	99	271	713
Corn for grain-acres	7,578	21	153	1,171	2,691
Peanuts-acres	7,182	28	81	63	466
Hay crops-acres	1,332	130	159	2,820	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	14	102	1,293	2,473

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	70	89	-21
\$10,000 or more	89	94	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,528	10,696	8
Average per farmdollars..	72,505	58,449	24
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,804	3,515	8
Average per farmdollars..	23,924	19,205	25
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	142	168	-15
Partnership or corporation	16	15	7
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	92	115	-20
Other	67	68	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	146	178	-18
Female	13	5	160
Operators by race:			
White	153	174	-12
Black and other races	6	9	-33
Average age of operator	55.9	55.5	1

(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.