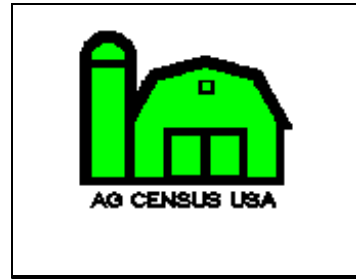


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### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 73,023 acres in 1992 to 72,158 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 201 acres in 1992 to 193 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 147 farms in 1992 to 142 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

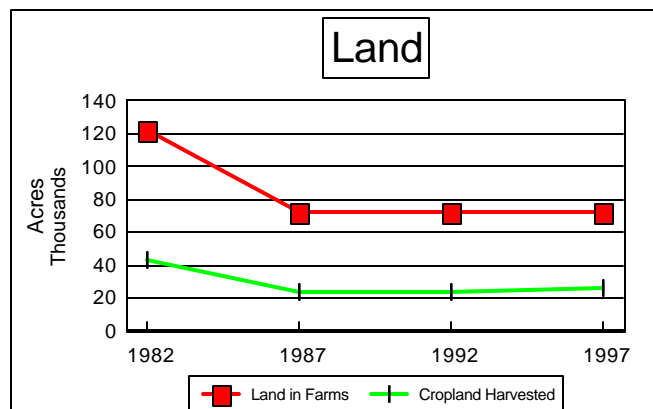
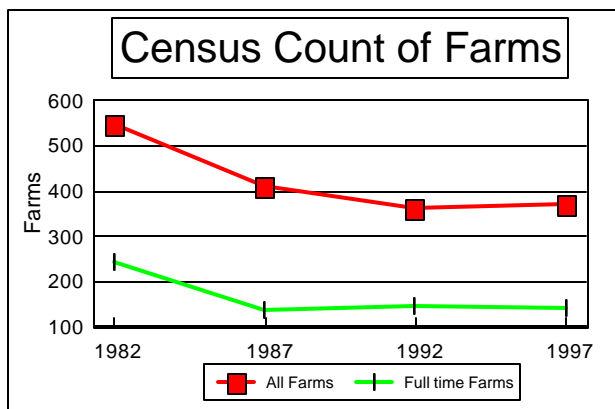
Increased 51 percent to \$22,919,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 47 percent from \$41,718 in 1992 to \$61,445 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	22,919	74	159	1,994	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	20,368	36	159	1,246	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,551	115	159	2,644	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	5,978	7	56	142	580
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,024	11	144	183	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,901	10	153	196	2,547
Cotton, cottonseed	2,814	50	99	303	709
Cattle and calves	1,590	57	159	2,308	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	4	79	48	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	6,426	42	149	1,161	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	4,292	59	159	2,275	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	1,370	2	23	165	1,593
All goats sold	98	50	145	919	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,221	76	159	2,386	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	4	113	84	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	5,199	29	155	1,003	3,005
All goat inventory	452	24	157	533	2,983
Rabbit inventory	375	3	68	235	2,456
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Cotton-acres	6,331	51	99	309	713
Corn for grain-acres	4,862	30	153	1,329	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	3,768	13	156	143	2,693
Hay crops-acres	3,664	55	159	2,468	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,827	39	123	1,324	2,144

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 .....	236	211	12
\$10,000 or more .....	137	152	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	15,910	13,836	15
Average per farm .....dollars..	42,655	38,221	12
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,556	1,044	528
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,576	2,885	509
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	332	313	6
Partnership or corporation .....	35	44	-20
Other .....	6	6	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	142	147	-3
Other .....	231	216	7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	335	343	-2
Female .....	38	20	90
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	328	323	2
Black and other races .....	45	40	13
Average age of operator .....	56.9	55.1	3

(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.