

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 120,839 acres in 1992 to 118,762 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 441 acres in 1992 to 421 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 158 farms in 1992 to 167 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

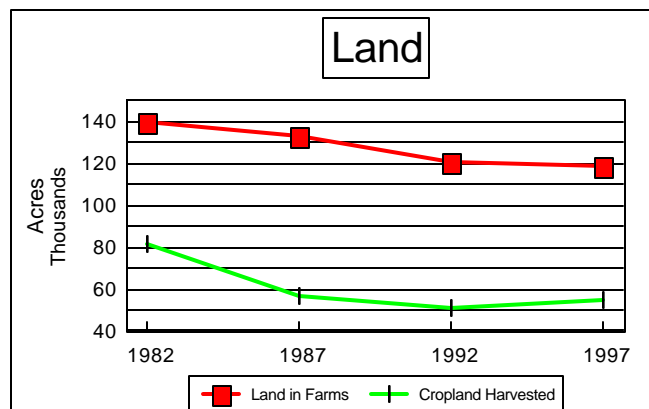
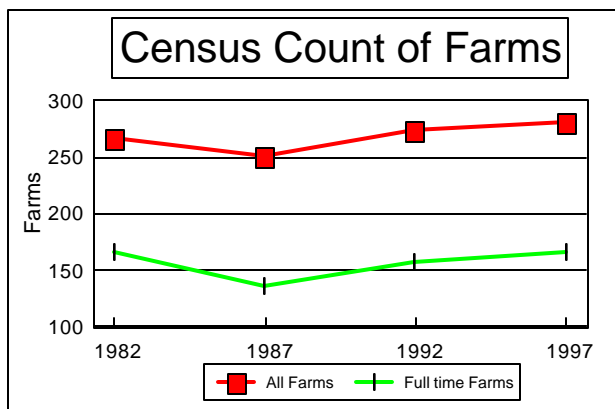
Increased 80 percent to \$99,108,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 75 percent from \$200,602 in 1992 to \$351,448 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	99,108	11	159	524	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	74,506	12	159	312	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	24,602	31	159	1,109	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	46,270	18	142	132	2,901
Dairy products	26,303	1	117	166	2,563
Cotton, cottonseed	6,096	36	99	216	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	14	149	385	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,223	15	144	214	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	13,711,000	26	101	143	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	37	101	360	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	10,605	4	159	1,560	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	195	108	149	2,404	2,976
All goats sold	93	52	145	950	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	2,017,751	26	117	159	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	112,823	29	148	399	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	16,665	13	159	1,714	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	38	93	367	2,549
All goat inventory	284	44	157	862	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Cotton-acres	16,678	33	99	202	713
Wheat-acres	7,804	10	135	867	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,213	14	123	1,102	2,144
Land in orchards-acres	4,981	7	156	117	2,693
Hay crops-acres	4,734	40	159	2,314	3,061

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 .....	110	108	2
\$10,000 or more .....	172	166	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	72,822	44,470	64
Average per farm .....dollars..	258,233	162,892	59
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	24,385	9,450	158
Average per farm .....dollars..	86,471	34,615	150
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	223	208	7
Partnership or corporation .....	58	65	-11
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	167	158	6
Other .....	115	116	-1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	255	256	-0
Female .....	27	18	50
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	258	250	3
Black and other races .....	24	24	
Average age of operator .....	52.1	53.2	-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.