

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 68,729 acres in 1992 to 68,856 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 256 acres in 1992 to 268 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 114 farms in 1992 to 102 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

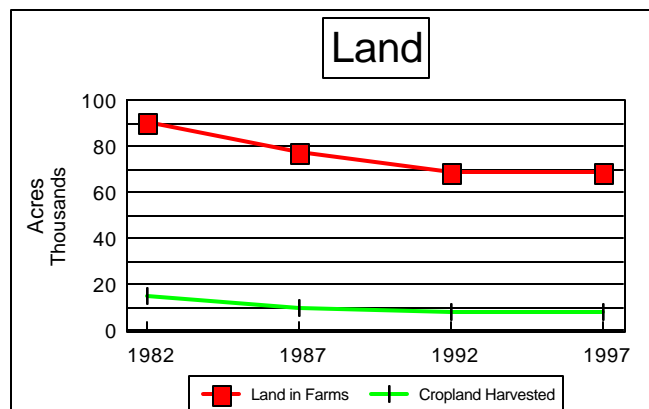
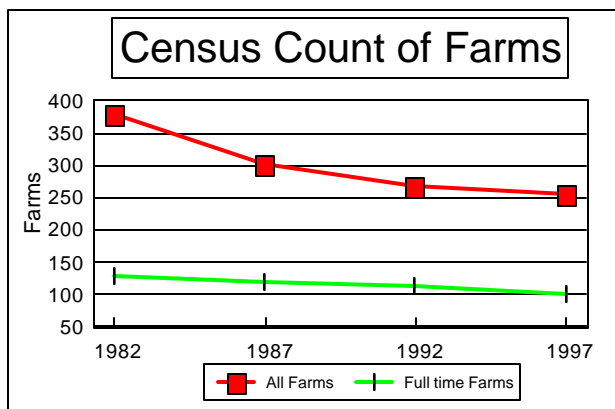
Increased 39 percent to \$6,386,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 45 percent from \$17,195 in 1992 to \$24,848 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	6,386	119	159	2,690	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,297	96	159	2,428	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,089	99	159	2,500	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,696	21	159	1,929	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,632	36	149	772	2,790
Hogs and pigs	(D)	45	149	1,147	2,976
Horses and ponies	(D)	2	145	262	3,015
Dairy products	(D)	77	117	1,906	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	6,917	25	159	1,898	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	48	149	1,210	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	78	101	917	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	61	25	84	2,199	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	49	37	145	1,672	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,808	27	159	1,923	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	46	155	1,200	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	30	126	600	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	284	37	159	2,258	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	170	7	113	1,936	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,203	18	159	2,000	3,061
Wheat-acres	652	80	135	1,799	2,612
All nursery-acres	(D)	16	146	607	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	261	100	153	2,207	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	159	81	156	837	2,693

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 .....	181	201	-10
\$10,000 or more .....	76	67	13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,812	4,814	21
Average per farm .....dollars..	22,441	17,962	25
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	188	17	1006
Average per farm .....dollars..	724	62	1068
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	222	231	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	35	35	
Other .....	-	2	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	102	114	-11
Other .....	155	154	1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	228	247	-8
Female .....	29	21	38
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	251	264	-5
Black and other races .....	6	4	50
Average age of operator .....	59.1	57.1	4

(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.