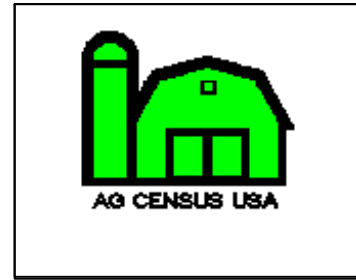


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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 27,250,340 acres in 1992 to 27,204,780 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 351 acres in 1992 to 372 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 47,875 farms in 1992 to 41,645 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

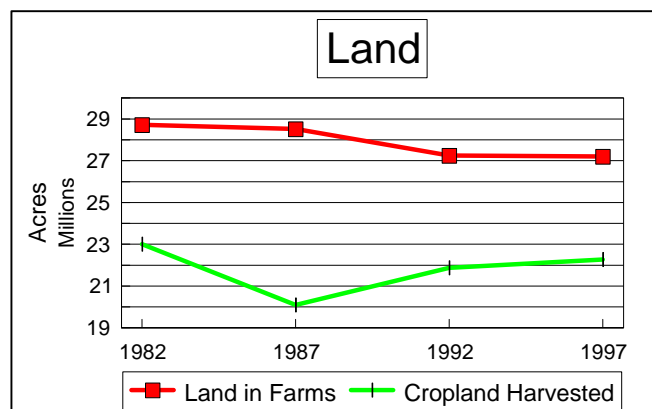
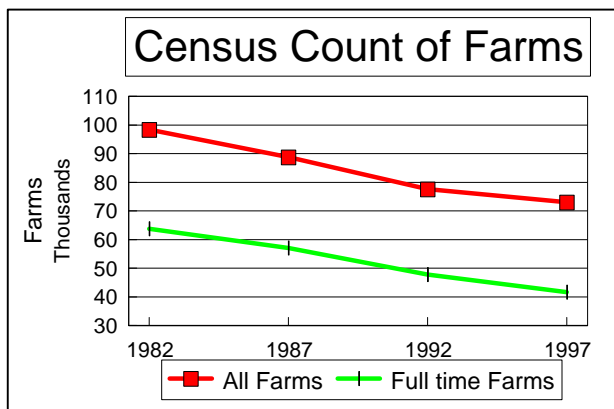
Increased 17 percent to \$8,556,486,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 24 percent from \$94,535 in 1992 to \$117,130 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	8,556,486	6	50
Value of crops including nursery	6,567,164	2	50
Value of livestock and poultry	1,989,323	16	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Corn for grain	3,279,695	1	48
Soybeans	2,646,076	2	40
Hogs and pigs	1,064,209	4	50
Cattle and calves	546,901	18	50
Nursery and greenhouse crops	299,936	9	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Hogs and pigs sold	9,374,726	4	50
Turkeys sold	3,160,485	20	49
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,843,245	27	50
Cattle and calves sold	949,478	22	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	461,485	14	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,679,166	4	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,535,791	27	50
Cattle and calves inventory	1,437,697	26	50
All turkeys inventory	1,089,691	18	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	379,204	27	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Corn for grain-acres	10,710,072	2	48
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,825,475	2	42
Wheat-acres	983,556	14	46
Hay crops-acres	822,508	25	50
Corn for silage-acres	119,116	13	49

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	23,266	21,689	7
\$10,000 or more	49,785	55,921	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,542,904	5,088,894	9
Average per farmdollars..	75,882	65,573	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,729,334	2,169,423	26
Average per farmdollars..	37,365	27,954	34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	61,748	65,752	-6
Partnership or corporation	10,646	11,358	-6
Other	657	500	31
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	41,645	47,875	-13
Other	31,406	29,735	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	69,006	73,985	-7
Female	4,045	3,625	12
Operators by race:			
White	72,836	77,391	-6
Black and other races	215	219	-2
Average age of operator	53.4	51.7	3

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.