

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 612,112 acres in 1992 to 587,676 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 367 acres in 1992 to 372 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 1,105 farms in 1992 to 952 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

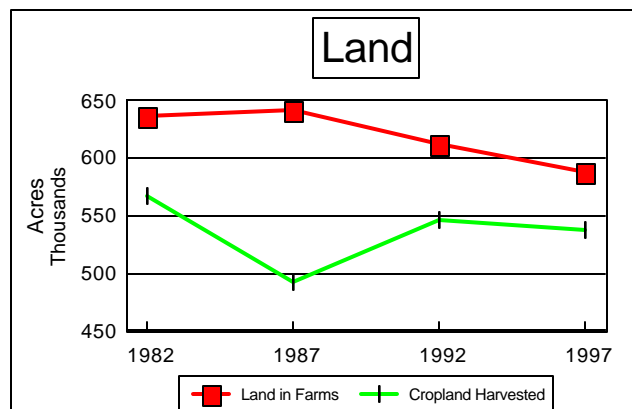
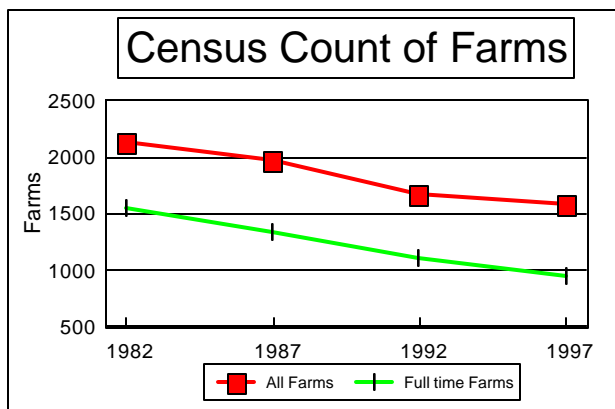
Increased 16 percent to \$183,148,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 22 percent from \$94,684 in 1992 to \$115,843 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	183,148	7	102	160	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	165,000	5	102	60	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	18,149	42	102	1,347	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	88,999	4	102	4	2,582
Soybeans	69,813	5	102	5	2,136
Cattle and calves	9,625	16	102	920	3,063
Hogs and pigs	7,653	43	102	408	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,847	22	100	574	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	78,000	39	102	393	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	12,718	21	102	1,397	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,922	8	100	495	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	35	71	1,283	2,203
All goats sold	(D)	16	88	873	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	33,473	47	102	423	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	14,888	38	102	1,809	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,991	8	101	542	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	628	27	102	1,277	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	395	60	101	1,868	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	274,887	4	102	5	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	249,179	5	102	6	2,144
Hay crops-acres	6,637	47	102	2,075	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	5,001	3	99	136	2,741
Wheat-acres	1,873	75	102	1,451	2,612

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 .....	297	260	14
\$10,000 or more .....	1,284	1,409	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	114,467	109,165	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	72,264	65,408	10
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	64,408	46,888	37
Average per farm .....dollars..	40,662	28,094	45
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,344	1,426	-6
Partnership or corporation .....	218	230	-5
Other .....	19	13	46
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	952	1,105	-14
Other .....	629	564	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,483	1,588	-7
Female .....	98	81	21
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,580	1,665	-5
Black and other races .....	1	4	-75
Average age of operator .....	53.0	51.5	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.