

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 310,518 acres in 1992 to 322,875 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 21 percent from 403 acres in 1992 to 486 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 484 farms in 1992 to 413 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

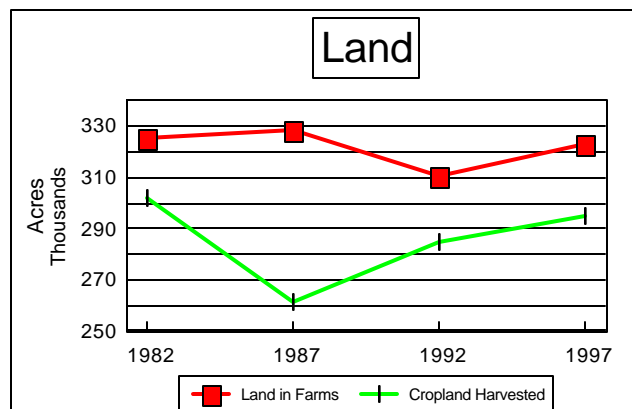
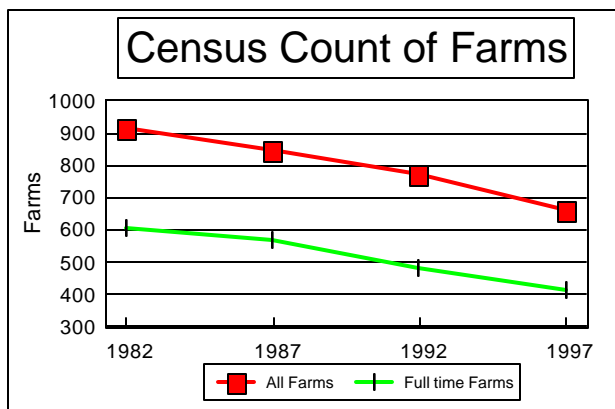
Increased 15 percent to \$105,734,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 33 percent from \$119,701 in 1992 to \$158,998 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                   | 105,734  | 34    | 102       | 462   | 3,076     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 101,486  | 16    | 102       | 135   | 3,070     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 4,248    | 90    | 102       | 2,433 | 3,069     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Corn for grain  | 55,825   | 17    | 102       | 36    | 2,582     |
| Soybeans  | 41,070   | 13    | 102       | 39    | 2,136     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | 4,007    | 19    | 100       | 462   | 2,790     |
| Hogs and pigs   | 2,099    | 85    | 102       | 799   | 2,976     |
| Cattle and calves   | 1,709    | 74    | 102       | 2,267 | 3,063     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 18,183   | 87    | 102       | 844   | 2,976     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 2,780    | 84    | 102       | 2,513 | 3,063     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 402      | 48    | 100       | 1,371 | 2,765     |
| All goats sold  | 78       | 22    | 88        | 1,075 | 2,686     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | (D)      | 53    | 78        | 1,479 | 2,200     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | 11,745   | 84    | 102       | 746   | 3,005     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 3,461    | 93    | 102       | 2,700 | 3,064     |
| Sheep and lamb inventory                                    | 537      | 45    | 101       | 1,370 | 2,864     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 246      | 77    | 102       | 2,418 | 3,066     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 182      | 80    | 101       | 2,359 | 3,002     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 146,807  | 22    | 102       | 90    | 2,691     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 144,998  | 15    | 102       | 65    | 2,144     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 2,661    | 92    | 102       | 2,616 | 3,061     |
| All nursery-acres   | 1,251    | 9     | 99        | 239   | 2,619     |
| Wheat-acres   | 952      | 88    | 102       | 1,678 | 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 .....                       | 171    | 202    | -15            |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 494    | 569    | -13            |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 57,762 | 52,380 | 10             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 86,991 | 67,937 | 28             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 46,433 | 41,493 | 12             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 69,930 | 53,818 | 30             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 540    | 659    | -18            |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 110    | 103    | 7              |
| Other .....                                    | 15     | 9      | 67             |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 413    | 484    | -15            |
| Other .....                                    | 252    | 287    | -12            |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 640    | 733    | -13            |
| Female .....                                   | 25     | 38     | -34            |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 664    | 770    | -14            |
| Black and other races .....                    | 1      | 1      |                |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 52.7   | 51.5   | 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.