

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 392,639 acres in 1992 to 379,419 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 344 acres in 1992 to 345 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 760 farms in 1992 to 623 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

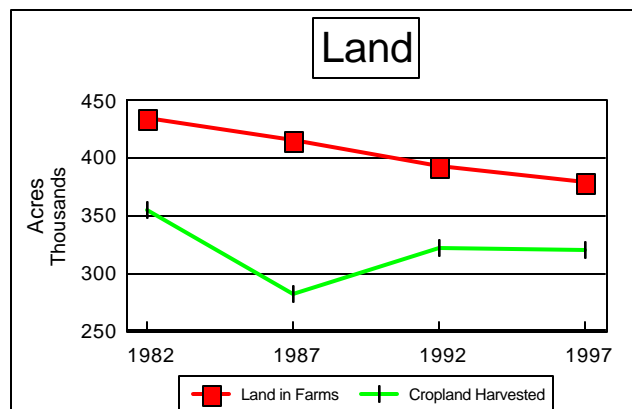
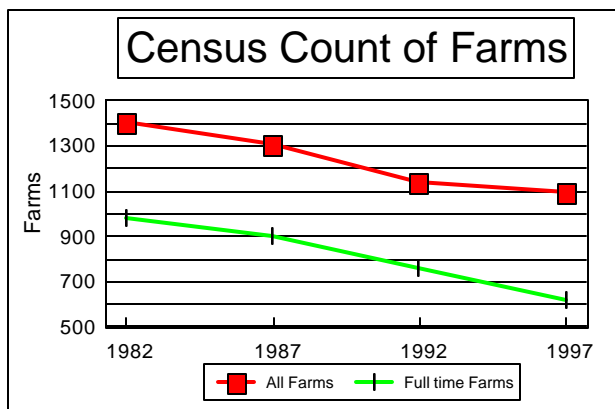
Increased 13 percent to \$148,907,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$115,852 in 1992 to \$135,493 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	148,907	12	102	244	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	98,187	19	102	153	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	50,720	8	102	496	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	61,720	14	102	26	2,582
Soybeans	31,707	32	102	113	2,136
Cattle and calves	23,628	5	102	331	3,063
Hogs and pigs	19,606	15	102	180	2,976
Dairy products	4,938	12	92	645	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	179,154	14	102	191	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	8	71	572	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	36,788	5	102	474	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,803	1	100	297	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	30	78	804	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	81,189	22	102	200	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	9	101	495	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	40,474	4	102	812	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	5	48	330	1,790
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,485	1	101	277	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	197,212	13	102	27	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	101,461	42	102	203	2,144
Hay crops-acres	16,215	10	102	1,240	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,022	6	99	381	2,473
Oats-acres	2,630	4	91	260	2,332

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	303	242	25
\$10,000 or more	796	899	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	108,615	106,010	2
Average per farmdollars..	99,011	92,992	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	34,240	23,515	46
Average per farmdollars..	31,213	20,627	51
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	948	950	-0
Partnership or corporation	135	180	-25
Other	16	11	45
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	623	760	-18
Other	476	381	25
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,042	1,100	-5
Female	57	41	39
Operators by race:			
White	1,097	1,141	-4
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	53.4	50.9	5

(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.