

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 314,886 acres in 1992 to 308,574 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 267 acres in 1992 to 285 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 889 farms in 1992 to 723 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

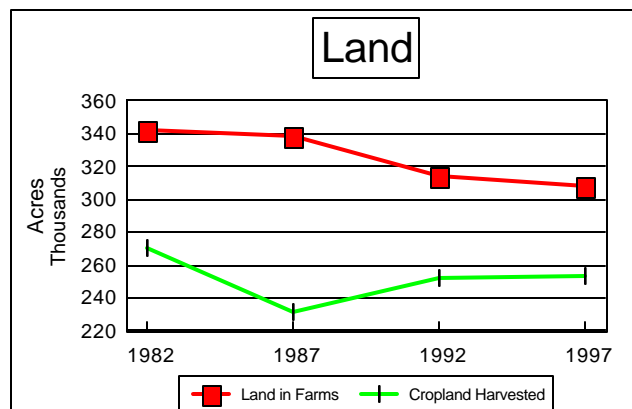
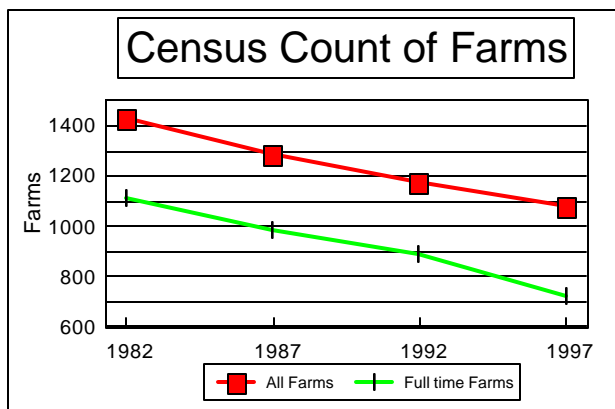
Increased 9 percent to \$142,015,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 19 percent from \$110,119 in 1992 to \$131,374 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	142,015	13	102	272	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	82,966	1	102	259	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	59,050	49	102	431	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	38,568	1	92	107	2,563
Corn for grain	37,996	37	102	126	2,582
Hogs and pigs	20,712	13	102	167	2,976
Soybeans	17,950	64	102	344	2,136
Cattle and calves	15,508	8	102	573	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	71	267	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	177,748	15	102	194	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	28,398	7	102	678	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,205	4	100	436	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	32	51	1,346	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	4	101	189	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	101,862	12	102	157	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	1	88	152	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	59,865	2	102	456	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,432	5	101	453	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	144,876	24	102	94	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	58,879	76	102	446	2,144
Hay crops-acres	42,734	2	102	371	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	7,687	1	99	175	2,473
Oats-acres	5,582	2	91	112	2,332

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 .....	290	230	26
\$10,000 or more .....	791	949	-17
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	104,441	98,372	6
Average per farm .....dollars..	96,705	83,508	16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	32,301	26,614	21
Average per farm .....dollars..	29,908	22,593	32
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	946	979	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	131	196	-33
Other .....	4	4	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	723	889	-19
Other .....	358	290	23
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,017	1,118	-9
Female .....	64	61	5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,078	1,174	-8
Black and other races .....	3	5	-40
Average age of operator .....	51.9	50.3	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.