

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 153,213 acres in 1992 to 162,936 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 228 acres in 1992 to 208 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 305 farms in 1992 to 287 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

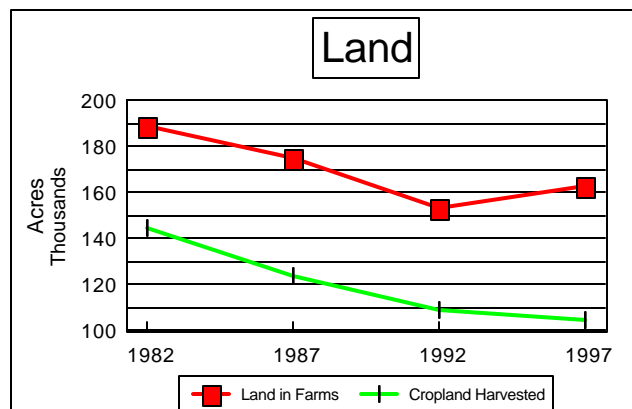
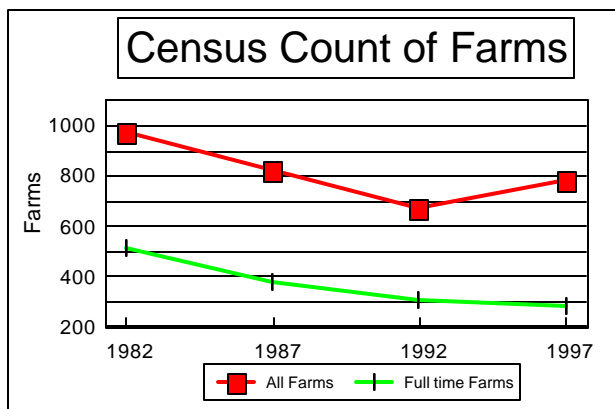
Increased 15 percent to \$38,669,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 1 percent from \$49,984 in 1992 to \$49,261 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	38,669	64	92	1,474	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	25,498	61	92	1,078	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	13,171	49	92	1,634	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	12,358	54	92	478	2,136
Corn for grain	9,659	66	92	567	2,582
Dairy products	5,461	10	91	598	2,563
Hogs and pigs	4,460	56	92	573	2,976
Cattle and calves	2,966	34	92	1,858	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	37,169	57	92	626	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold (D)		7	63	192	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	5,629	39	92	2,071	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	517	36	91	1,221	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	150	24	49	1,317	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	18,355	60	92	622	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	8,762	47	92	2,258	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	584	40	91	1,312	2,864
All goat inventory	559	2	92	419	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	382	59	92	1,900	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	50,246	52	92	511	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	36,636	66	92	611	2,691
Wheat-acres	11,254	9	92	723	2,612
Hay crops-acres	5,659	45	92	2,182	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,971	13	92	697	2,473

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 .....	442	304	45
\$10,000 or more .....	343	367	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	28,864	26,503	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	36,770	39,557	-7
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,479	6,782	25
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,802	10,122	7
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	681	582	17
Partnership or corporation .....	94	84	12
Other .....	10	5	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	287	305	-6
Other .....	498	366	36
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	734	653	12
Female .....	51	18	183
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	785	671	17
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	54.2	51.9	4

(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.