

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 192,311 acres in 1992 to 182,771 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 133 acres in 1992 to 137 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 703 farms in 1992 to 624 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

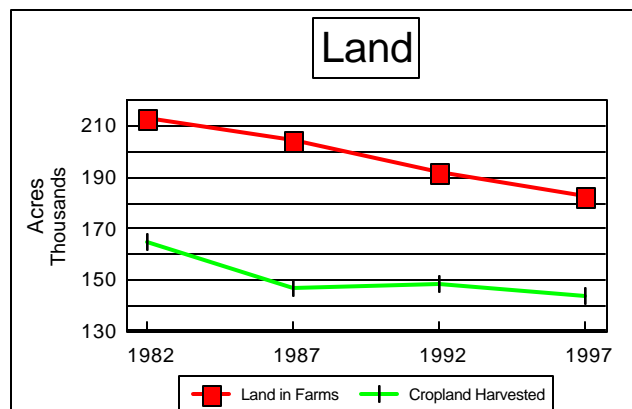
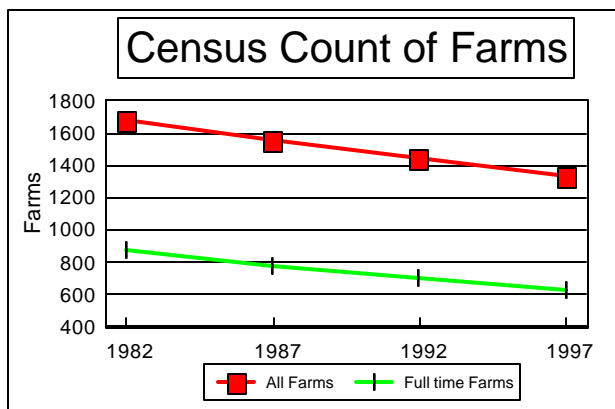
Increased 28 percent to \$124,038,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 39 percent from \$66,938 in 1992 to \$92,912 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                   | 124,038   | 3     | 92        | 346   | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 89,350    | 3     | 92        | 224   | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 34,688    | 49    | 92        | 831   | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |           |       |           |       |           |
| Dairy products  | 37,740    | 1     | 91        | 109   | 2,563     |
| Poultry & poultry products                                  | 24,421    | 6     | 91        | 237   | 2,901     |
| Hogs and pigs   | 18,378    | 14    | 92        | 194   | 2,976     |
| Corn for grain  | 15,442    | 51    | 92        | 429   | 2,582     |
| Soybeans  | 11,538    | 57    | 92        | 503   | 2,136     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |           |       |           |       |           |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | 3,407,692 | 2     | 63        | 4     | 2,200     |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold                  | 3,005,354 | 1     | 49        | 331   | 1,882     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 178,411   | 14    | 92        | 192   | 2,976     |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | (D)       | 16    | 68        | 431   | 2,203     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 20,123    | 7     | 92        | 982   | 3,063     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |           |       |           |       |           |
| Broiler inventory   | 715,321   | 1     | 77        | 278   | 2,620     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | 278,686   | 2     | 91        | 6     | 2,884     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 77,185    | 23    | 92        | 479   | 3,002     |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | 73,951    | 16    | 92        | 220   | 3,005     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 42,719    | 1     | 92        | 748   | 3,064     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |           |       |           |       |           |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 64,955    | 42    | 92        | 395   | 2,691     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 42,251    | 61    | 92        | 575   | 2,144     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 22,047    | 4     | 92        | 928   | 3,061     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 10,826    | 1     | 92        | 112   | 2,473     |
| Wheat-acres   | 3,861     | 58    | 92        | 1,178 | 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 .....                       | 473    | 515    | -8             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 862    | 932    | -8             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 96,862 | 77,944 | 24             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 72,556 | 53,941 | 35             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 24,287 | 18,407 | 32             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 18,193 | 12,738 | 43             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 1,164  | 1,260  | -8             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 166    | 181    | -8             |
| Other .....                                    | 5      | 6      | -17            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 624    | 703    | -11            |
| Other .....                                    | 711    | 744    | -4             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 1,303  | 1,395  | -7             |
| Female .....                                   | 32     | 52     | -38            |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 1,334  | 1,445  | -8             |
| Black and other races .....                    | 1      | 2      | -50            |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 47.6   | 47.2   | 1              |

(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.