

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 80,958 acres in 1992 to 72,112 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 265 acres in 1992 to 266 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 25 percent from 174 farms in 1992 to 130 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

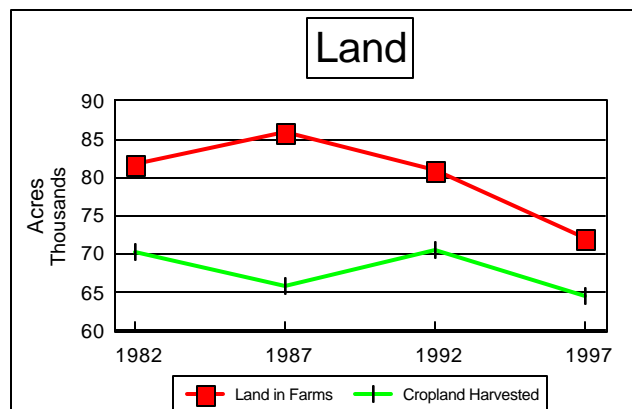
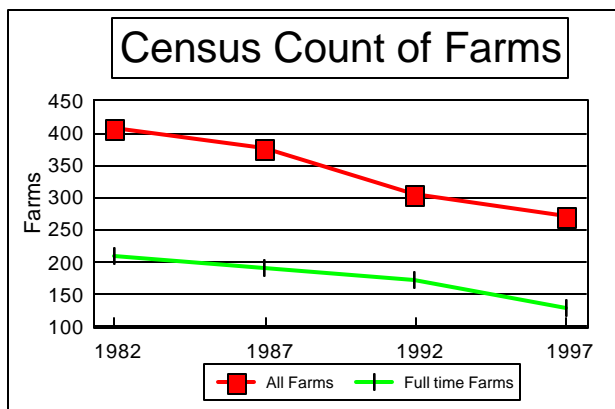
Decreased 6 percent to \$20,875,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 5 percent from \$73,044 in 1992 to \$77,030 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	20,875	81	92	2,066	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	18,553	69	92	1,318	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,323	87	92	2,676	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	8,835	67	92	590	2,582
Soybeans	7,358	69	92	632	2,136
Wheat	(D)	20	92	822	2,578
Dairy products	1,045	55	91	1,389	2,563
Hogs and pigs	821	81	92	1,067	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	(D)	25	50	392	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	6,932	82	92	1,122	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	723	91	92	2,886	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	38	87	91	2,364	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	49	63	1,790	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,804	81	92	1,104	3,005
All turkeys inventory	(D)	25	75	367	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	1,808	89	92	2,859	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	238	30	91	1,465	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	156	82	92	2,707	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	31,645	73	92	659	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	29,518	70	92	686	2,144
Wheat-acres	7,217	22	92	900	2,612
Hay crops-acres	1,348	91	92	2,814	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	191	84	92	1,839	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 .....	113	106	7
\$10,000 or more .....	158	199	-21
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	16,303	14,675	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	60,381	48,272	25
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,446	6,457	-31
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,468	21,241	-22
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	218	244	-11
Partnership or corporation .....	51	58	-12
Other .....	2	3	-33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	130	174	-25
Other .....	141	131	8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	254	297	-14
Female .....	17	8	113
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	268	303	-12
Black and other races .....	3	2	50
Average age of operator .....	53.9	52.5	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.