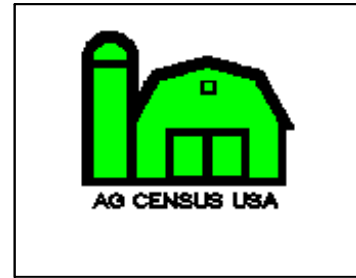


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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 31,346,565 acres in 1992 to 31,166,699 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 325 acres in 1992 to 343 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 66,885 farms in 1992 to 56,256 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

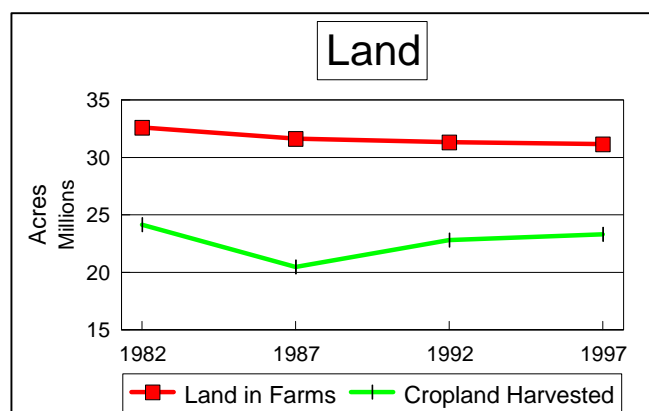
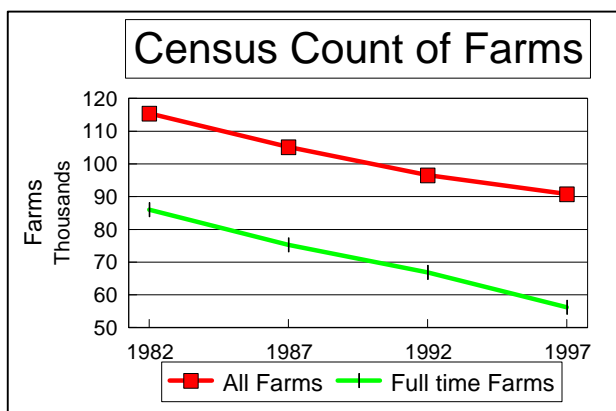
Increased 18 percent to \$11,947,894,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 26 percent from \$104,614 in 1992 to \$131,596 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	11,947,894	3	50
Value of crops including nursery	6,187,269	3	50
Value of livestock and poultry	5,760,625	5	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Corn for grain	3,225,141	2	48
Hogs and pigs	3,029,972	1	50
Soybeans	2,765,812	1	40
Cattle and calves	1,850,796	6	50
Poultry & poultry products	414,429	17	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Hogs and pigs sold	27,495,818	2	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	18,534,679	8	50
Turkeys sold	7,279,601	11	49
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	6,852,810	26	50
Cattle and calves sold	2,881,122	7	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	21,509,521	4	50
Hogs and pigs inventory	14,651,919	1	50
Cattle and calves inventory	3,647,129	8	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	3,448,706	5	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	3,367,313	6	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Corn for grain-acres	11,595,308	1	48
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,944,865	1	42
Hay crops-acres	1,575,777	17	50
Corn for silage-acres	241,549	8	49
Oats-acres	211,985	5	49

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	23,646	19,419	22
\$10,000 or more	67,146	77,124	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,405,838	7,744,947	9
Average per farmdollars..	92,590	80,232	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,969,179	2,193,209	35
Average per farmdollars..	32,705	22,718	44
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	75,880	81,127	-6
Partnership or corporation	14,359	14,952	-4
Other	553	464	19
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	56,256	66,885	-16
Other	34,536	29,658	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	86,174	92,730	-7
Female	4,618	3,813	21
Operators by race:			
White	90,669	96,456	-6
Black and other races	123	87	41
Average age of operator	52.4	50.3	4

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.