

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 347,353 acres in 1992 to 331,362 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 384 acres in 1992 to 412 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 670 farms in 1992 to 537 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

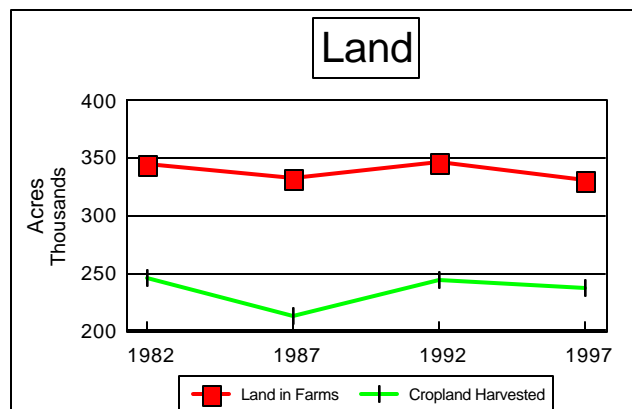
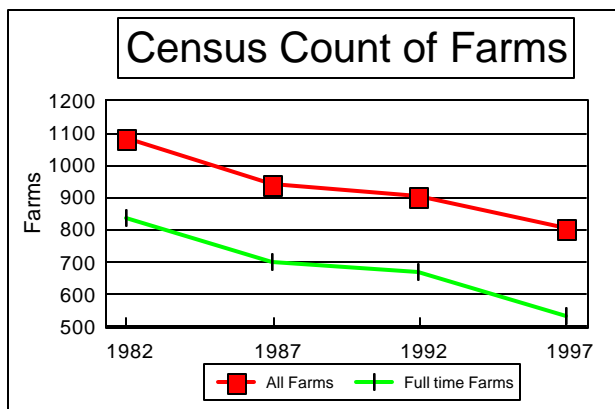
Decreased 2 percent to \$94,100,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$106,506 in 1992 to \$117,040 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	94,100	66	99	563	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	53,031	63	99	502	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	41,069	52	99	647	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	27,558	62	99	212	2,582
Cattle and calves	25,347	18	99	304	3,063
Soybeans	24,537	57	99	199	2,136
Hogs and pigs	12,184	77	99	291	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	31	99	721	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	112,514	75	99	305	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	12	97	631	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	37	81	669	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	38,632	19	99	446	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,052	50	99	465	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	24	99	295	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	6	97	518	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	64,720	76	99	252	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	49,714	19	99	613	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	17	90	284	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	114,895	54	99	168	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	103,593	46	99	191	2,144
Hay crops-acres	18,971	28	99	1,088	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,708	49	99	771	2,473
Oats-acres	1,607	48	99	443	2,332

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	196	149	32
\$10,000 or more	608	756	-20
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	69,525	73,127	-5
Average per farmdollars..	86,474	80,714	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	19,289	22,307	-14
Average per farmdollars..	23,991	24,622	-3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	678	777	-13
Partnership or corporation	118	124	-5
Other	8	4	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	537	670	-20
Other	267	235	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	764	873	-12
Female	40	32	25
Operators by race:			
White	803	903	-11
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	52.5	50.7	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.