

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 272,831 acres in 1992 to 253,306 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 374 acres in 1992 to 398 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 555 farms in 1992 to 449 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

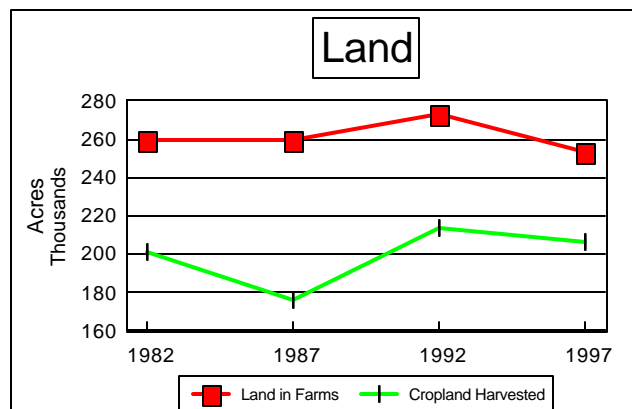
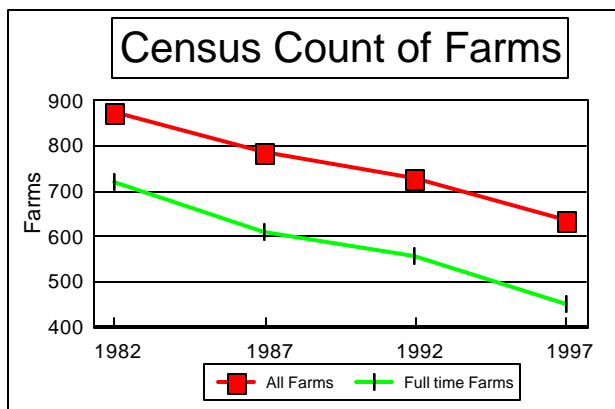
Increased 8 percent to \$95,685,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 24 percent from \$121,266 in 1992 to \$150,212 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	95,685	63	99	551	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	55,293	58	99	468	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	40,393	53	99	663	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	28,316	60	99	203	2,582
Soybeans	25,843	52	99	181	2,136
Hogs and pigs	20,029	59	99	173	2,976
Cattle and calves	19,635	35	99	414	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	739	52	99	1,239	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	221,398	47	99	146	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	28,628	36	99	674	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,392	38	99	398	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	57	97	953	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	56	81	1,130	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	120,684	45	99	119	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	33,145	50	99	1,026	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,117	47	99	512	2,864
Broiler inventory	1,495	17	97	733	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,201	61	99	1,106	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	104,446	62	99	193	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	91,543	56	99	249	2,144
Hay crops-acres	8,205	65	99	1,891	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,302	32	99	614	2,473
Oats-acres	1,175	64	99	574	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	105	71	48
\$10,000 or more	532	658	-19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	64,029	66,337	-3
Average per farmdollars..	100,674	91,122	10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	23,288	18,980	23
Average per farmdollars..	36,617	26,071	40
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	527	604	-13
Partnership or corporation	101	119	-15
Other	9	6	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	449	555	-19
Other	188	174	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	617	694	-11
Female	20	35	-43
Operators by race:			
White	637	729	-13
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	51.4	48.8	5

(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.