

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 615,034 acres in 1992 to 580,884 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 386 acres in 1992 to 414 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 1,281 farms in 1992 to 1,038 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

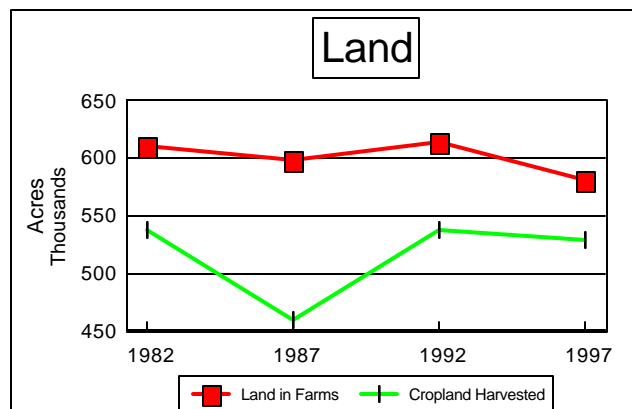
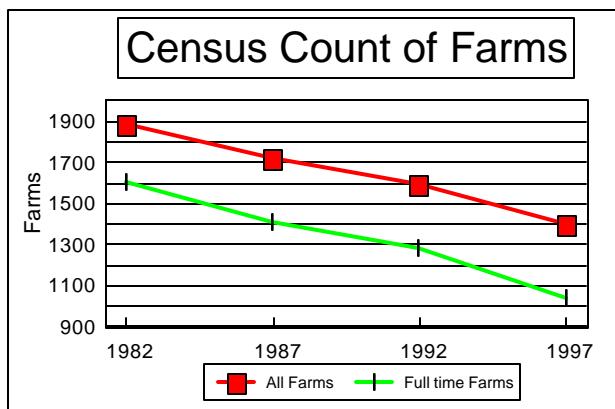
Increased 28 percent to \$242,775,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 45 percent from \$119,420 in 1992 to \$172,917 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	242,775	2	99	94	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	152,745	1	99	69	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	90,031	18	99	219	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	87,040	1	99	5	2,582
Hogs and pigs	65,066	12	99	33	2,976
Soybeans	64,718	1	99	6	2,136
Cattle and calves	20,915	28	99	378	3,063
Dairy products	2,451	28	97	963	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	657,058	7	99	28	2,976
Turkeys sold (D)		18	61	294	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	29,965	33	99	638	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		45	81	859	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	8,142	20	97	713	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	323,029	11	99	23	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	30,431	56	99	1,119	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	9,515	48	99	808	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,809	13	99	315	2,864
Broiler inventory	2,135	14	97	699	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	278,774	1	99	4	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	242,432	1	99	8	2,144
Hay crops-acres	5,278	79	99	2,236	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,180	20	99	468	2,473
Oats-acres	1,667	45	99	427	2,332

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 .....	124	108	15
\$10,000 or more .....	1,280	1,484	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	162,320	148,358	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	115,531	93,190	24
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	68,295	42,111	62
Average per farm .....dollars..	48,608	26,452	84
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,186	1,372	-14
Partnership or corporation .....	213	216	-1
Other .....	5	4	25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	1,038	1,281	-19
Other .....	366	311	18
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,361	1,551	-12
Female .....	43	41	5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,404	1,592	-12
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	50.4	49.5	2

(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.