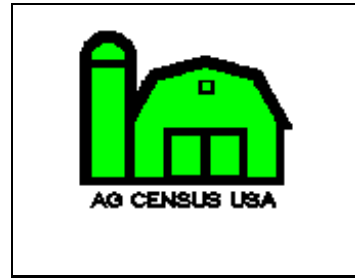


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Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 219,370 acres in 1992 to 227,160 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 348 acres in 1992 to 322 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 373 farms in 1992 to 351 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

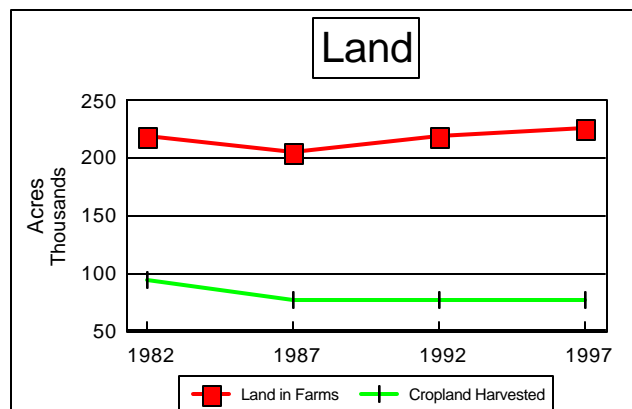
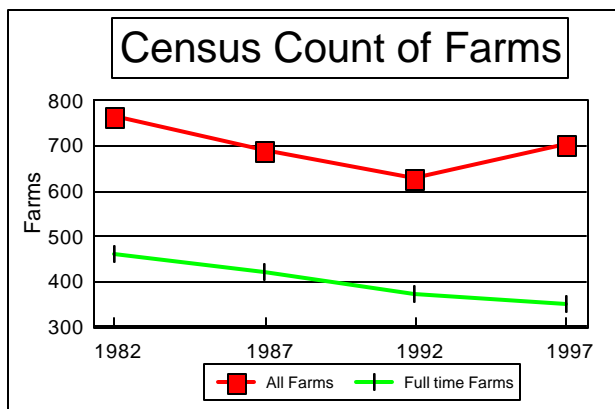
Increased 16 percent to \$29,371,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 3 percent from \$40,273 in 1992 to \$41,602 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	29,371	98	99	1,746	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	15,844	93	99	1,459	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,527	98	99	1,558	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	10,635	66	99	844	3,063
Corn for grain	6,077	97	99	735	2,582
Soybeans	6,067	97	99	695	2,136
Hogs and pigs	4,253	96	99	592	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,101	27	99	844	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	41,353	97	99	594	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	22,671	50	99	865	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	4,296	17	99	269	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	950	54	97	948	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	126	26	99	725	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	40,506	32	99	811	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	19,082	97	99	613	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,239	22	99	363	2,864
Broiler inventory	1,020	25	97	788	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	950	15	99	803	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	29,048	14	99	696	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	24,159	96	99	742	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	23,535	99	99	757	2,691
Oats-acres	1,599	50	99	445	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	693	88	99	1,259	2,473

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	344	268	28
\$10,000 or more	362	362	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	22,214	21,369	4
Average per farmdollars..	31,465	33,973	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,047	1,310	285
Average per farmdollars..	7,149	2,082	243
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	624	561	11
Partnership or corporation	78	65	20
Other	4	4	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	351	373	-6
Other	355	257	38
Operators by sex:			
Male	654	592	10
Female	52	38	37
Operators by race:			
White	705	630	12
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	55.4	55.1	1

(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.