

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 427,215 acres in 1992 to 418,483 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 322 acres in 1992 to 346 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 909 farms in 1992 to 736 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

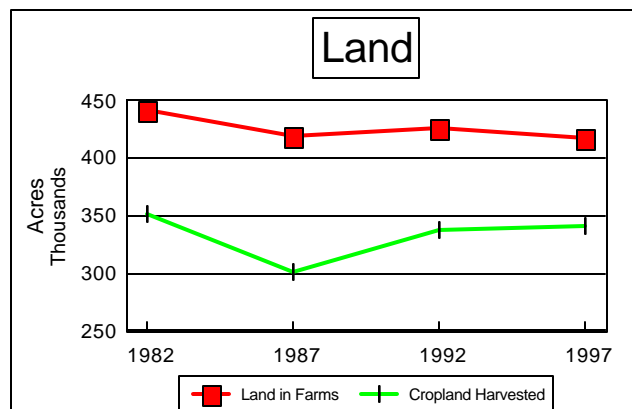
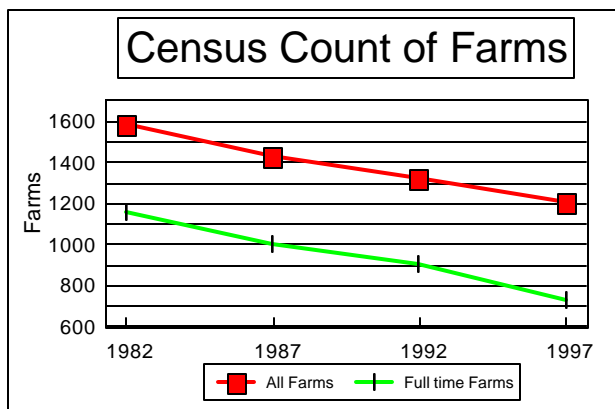
Increased 4 percent to \$157,977,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 14 percent from \$114,500 in 1992 to \$130,559 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	157,977	21	99	217	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	102,838	5	99	131	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	55,139	38	99	444	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	52,597	6	99	42	2,582
Soybeans	48,255	6	99	20	2,136
Cattle and calves	25,158	19	99	308	3,063
Hogs and pigs	22,931	50	99	143	2,976
Dairy products	3,928	17	97	741	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	81	142	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	200,082	55	99	170	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	34,942	23	99	512	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	8,173	19	97	712	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	2,582	33	99	380	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	18	99	211	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	102,216	58	99	155	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	40,399	33	99	813	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,072	27	99	376	2,864
Broiler inventory	586	43	97	912	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	166,702	9	99	47	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	155,595	8	99	50	2,144
Hay crops-acres	16,617	35	99	1,218	3,061
Oats-acres	3,635	14	99	185	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	1,974	42	99	695	2,473

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 .....	283	247	15
\$10,000 or more .....	927	1,078	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	113,156	122,153	-7
Average per farm .....dollars..	93,595	92,191	2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	39,739	25,507	56
Average per farm .....dollars..	32,870	19,251	71
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,022	1,113	-8
Partnership or corporation .....	180	206	-13
Other .....	8	6	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	736	909	-19
Other .....	474	416	14
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,158	1,278	-9
Female .....	52	47	11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,210	1,324	-9
Black and other races .....	-	1	-100
Average age of operator .....	50.8	48.9	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.