

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 318,778 acres in 1992 to 309,228 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 348 acres in 1992 to 366 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 619 farms in 1992 to 491 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

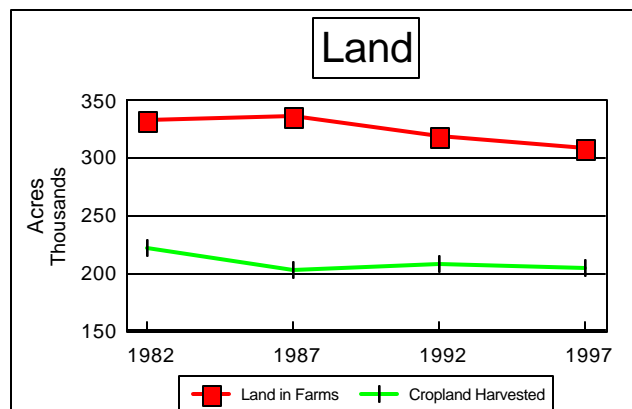
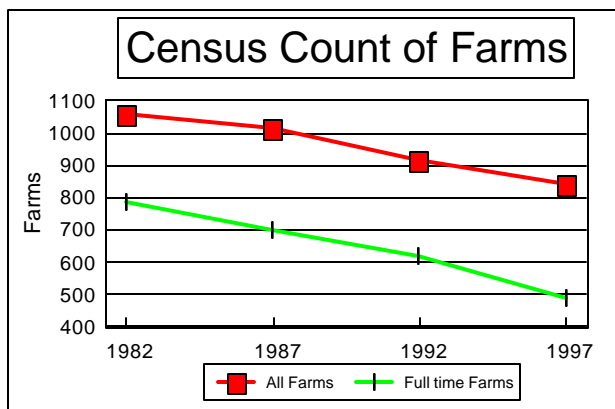
Decreased 3 percent to \$79,419,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$89,267 in 1992 to \$93,986 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	79,419	73	99	713	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	52,182	65	99	518	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	27,236	81	99	959	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	25,299	56	99	192	2,136
Corn for grain	23,270	72	99	273	2,582
Cattle and calves	15,149	43	99	586	3,063
Hogs and pigs	11,372	79	99	300	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	11	97	606	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	98,018	80	99	339	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	25,275	42	99	769	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,779	59	99	520	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	60	97	997	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	142	16	99	609	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	61,151	77	99	263	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	39,461	38	99	849	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	2	89	172	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,496	68	99	693	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	841	70	99	1,296	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	96,650	51	99	224	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	90,619	72	99	249	2,691
Hay crops-acres	17,790	31	99	1,149	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,061	72	99	1,026	2,473
Oats-acres	851	79	99	722	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	235	175	34
\$10,000 or more	610	741	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	50,123	56,342	-11
Average per farmdollars..	59,387	61,442	-3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	23,845	30,268	-21
Average per farmdollars..	28,252	33,008	-14
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	729	775	-6
Partnership or corporation	108	133	-19
Other	8	8	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	491	619	-21
Other	354	297	19
Operators by sex:			
Male	796	877	-9
Female	49	39	26
Operators by race:			
White	845	916	-8
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	55.0	52.7	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.