1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 330,080 acres in 1992 to 328,906 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 358 acres in 1992 to 381 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 601 farms in 1992 to 537 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

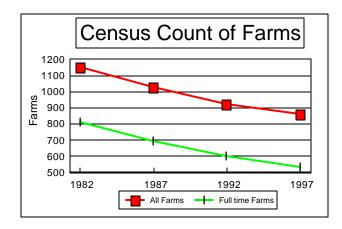
Increased 17 percent to \$119,995,000 in 1997.

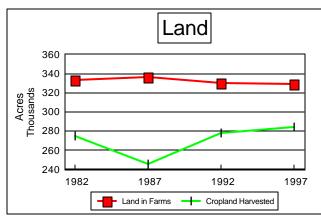
Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 25 percent from \$111,532 in 1992 to \$139,045 in 1997.





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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

		S	State	U.	s.
Item	Quantity	Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	119,995	47	99	378	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	85,674	23	99	205	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	34,322	71	99	783	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	45,960	21	99	73	2,582
Soybeans	37,731	22	99	61	2,136
Hogs and pigs	22,423	51	99	148	2,976
Cattle and calves	9,773	72	99	904	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	46	99	856	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	198,989	56	99	172	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	14,451	77	99	1,276	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,376	70	99	640	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,353	43	97	882	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	19	74	992	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	32	99	385	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	101,679	60	99	159	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	17,195	81	99	1,686	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,703	60	99	626	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	800	22	99	998	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	140,660	34	99	103	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	137,120	22	99	84	2,144
Hay crops-acres	5,695	75	99	2,175	3,061
Oats-acres	1,224	60	99	552	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	561	92	99	1,375	2,473

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

			Percent	
Item	1997	1992	Change	
Farms by value of sales:				
Less than \$10,000	216	209	3	
\$10,000 or more	647	714	-9	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000	78,305	70,276	11	
Average per farmdollars	90,736	76,222	19	
Net cash return from agricultural sales				
for the farm unit\$1,000	33,282	30,019	11	
Average per farmdollars	38,566	32,559	18	
Farms by type of organization:				
Individual or family	639	726	-12	
Partnership or corporation	219	187	17	
Other	5	10	-50	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS				
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming	537	601	-11	
Other	326	322	1	
Operators by sex:				
Male	821	882	-7	
Female	42	41	2	
Operators by race:				
White	862	922	-7	
Black and other races	1	1		
Average age of operator	52.8	50.9	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.