

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 364,172 acres in 1992 to 344,949 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 377 acres in 1992 to 424 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 739 farms in 1992 to 568 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

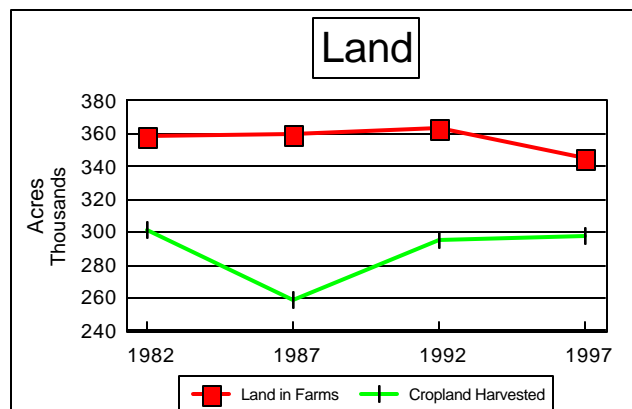
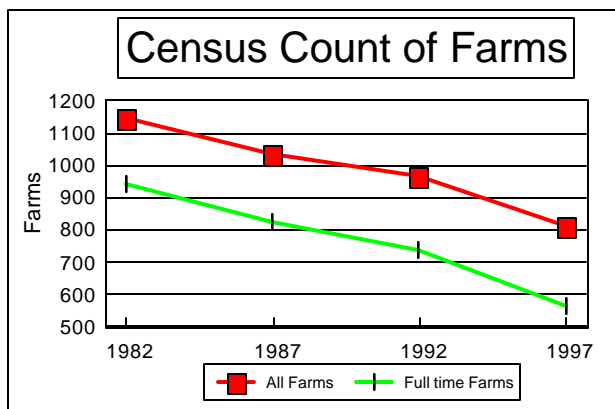
Increased 30 percent to \$190,949,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 55 percent from \$151,385 in 1992 to \$234,870 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	190,949	10	99	148	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	108,705	12	99	162	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	82,244	24	99	224	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	70,483	9	99	26	2,976
Soybeans	40,396	17	99	44	2,136
Corn for grain	40,213	31	99	105	2,582
Cattle and calves	33,223	11	99	215	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	2,459	36	99	747	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	589,288	12	99	35	2,976
Turkeys sold (D)		16	61	263	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	86,697	30	81	505	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	46,939	13	99	327	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	11,217	4	99	119	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	350,473	9	99	18	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	96,168	34	99	436	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	39,542	36	99	844	3,064
All turkeys inventory (D)		13	91	250	2,361
Sheep and lamb inventory	5,411	8	99	243	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	145,454	32	99	92	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	141,008	18	99	73	2,144
Hay crops-acres	7,289	69	99	1,986	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,601	28	99	561	2,473
Oats-acres	1,980	36	99	370	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	91	107	-15
\$10,000 or more	722	860	-16
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	133,924	111,906	20
Average per farmdollars..	164,931	115,605	43
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	46,651	31,266	49
Average per farmdollars..	57,451	32,299	78
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	667	794	-16
Partnership or corporation	143	170	-16
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	568	739	-23
Other	245	228	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	789	937	-16
Female	24	30	-20
Operators by race:			
White	812	967	-16
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	49.7	49.7	

(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.