

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service



WICHITA KANSAS

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 443,802 acres in 1992 to 449,558 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 1,470 acres in 1992 to 1,450 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 227 farms in 1992 to 230 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

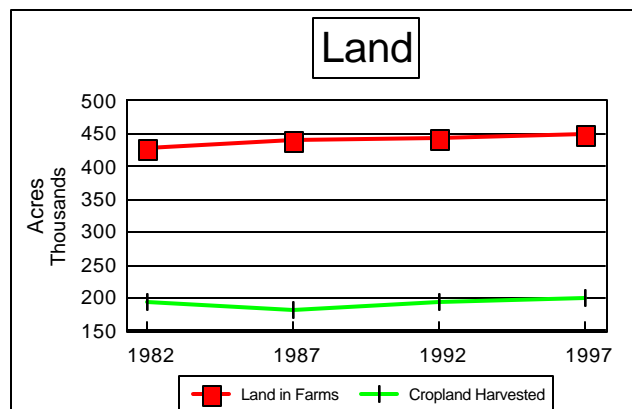
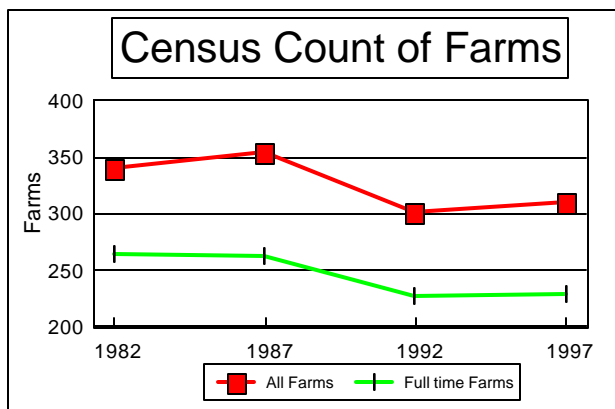
Decreased 18 percent to \$273,853,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 20 percent from \$1,099,811 in 1992 to \$883,396 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	273,853	7	105	80	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	236,783	7	105	49	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	37,070	32	105	783	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	236,211	7	105	24	3,063
Wheat	17,834	18	105	86	2,578
Corn for grain	9,741	25	105	566	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,357	8	105	133	3,043
Grain sorghum	4,037	38	105	83	1,275
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	318,710	7	105	26	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,729	77	105	1,339	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	290	71	105	1,530	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	13	91	105	2,647	3,015
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	45	47	1,754	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	130,248	8	105	74	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,248	75	105	1,297	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	425	68	104	1,490	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	206	91	105	2,569	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	112	91	104	2,591	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	135,002	23	105	128	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	25,179	31	105	731	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	23,356	50	105	117	1,508
Hay crops-acres	6,395	96	105	2,101	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	6,005	2	101	241	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	62	45	38
\$10,000 or more	248	257	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	250,312	213,265	17
Average per farmdollars..	804,860	706,177	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	20,908	118,925	-82
Average per farmdollars..	67,229	393,791	-83
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	234	233	0
Partnership or corporation	72	66	9
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	230	227	1
Other	80	75	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	296	288	3
Female	14	14	
Operators by race:			
White	308	302	2
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	53.0	52.0	2

(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.