

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service



DECATUR KANSAS

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 526,064 acres in 1992 to 515,162 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 1,198 acres in 1992 to 1,301 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 320 farms in 1992 to 278 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

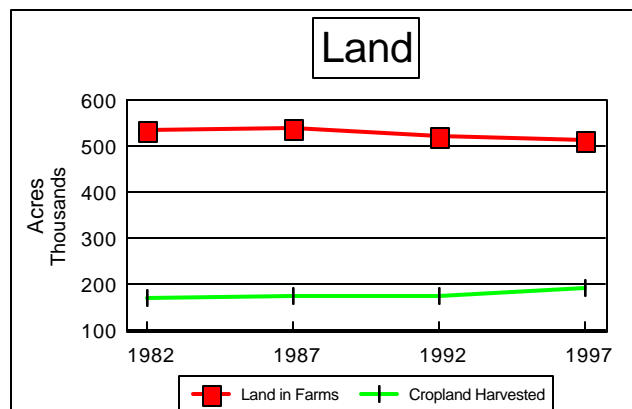
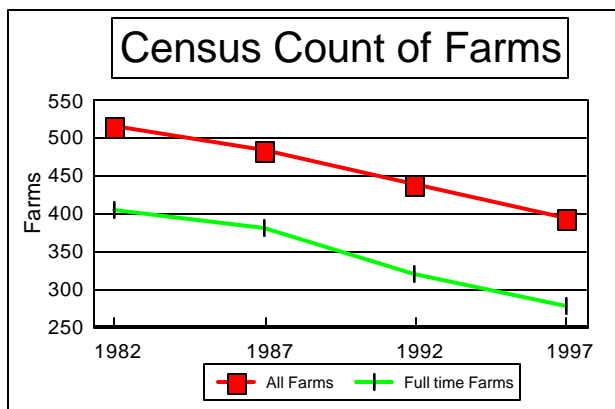
Decreased 19 percent to \$67,589,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 10 percent from \$189,769 in 1992 to \$170,679 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	67,589	43	105	864	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	42,052	38	105	635	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	25,537	53	105	1,076	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	40,604	32	105	170	3,063
Wheat	13,508	39	105	149	2,578
Corn for grain	8,218	28	105	628	2,582
Grain sorghum	2,076	74	105	163	1,275
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	61	105	809	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	60,682	34	105	218	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	11,461	46	105	984	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	79	105	1,727	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	8	86	1,182	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	49	47	105	1,672	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	61,449	37	105	433	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,331	36	105	842	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	68	104	1,490	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	294	68	104	2,080	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	268	72	105	2,326	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	114,974	39	105	165	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	45,355	19	105	542	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	18,240	68	105	147	1,508
Hay crops-acres	10,816	86	105	1,632	3,061
Sunflower seed-acres	1,660	18	89	150	674

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	73	70	4
\$10,000 or more	323	369	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	47,020	69,905	-33
Average per farmdollars..	118,738	159,238	-25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	21,460	11,900	80
Average per farmdollars..	54,192	27,107	100
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	311	331	-6
Partnership or corporation	76	102	-25
Other	9	6	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	278	320	-13
Other	118	119	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	371	418	-11
Female	25	21	19
Operators by race:			
White	396	439	-10
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.8	54.2	-1

(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.