

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 324,063 acres in 1992 to 330,832 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 848 acres in 1992 to 864 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 214 farms in 1992 to 206 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

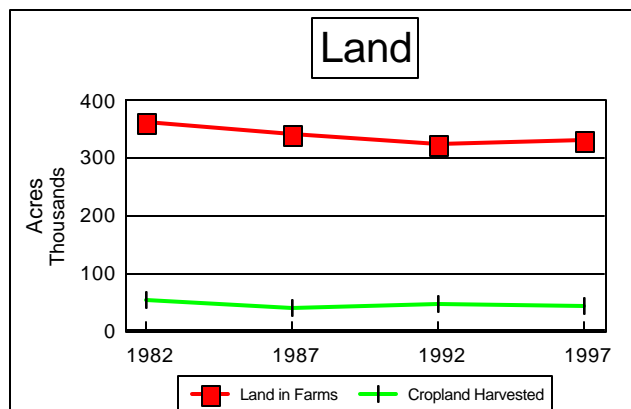
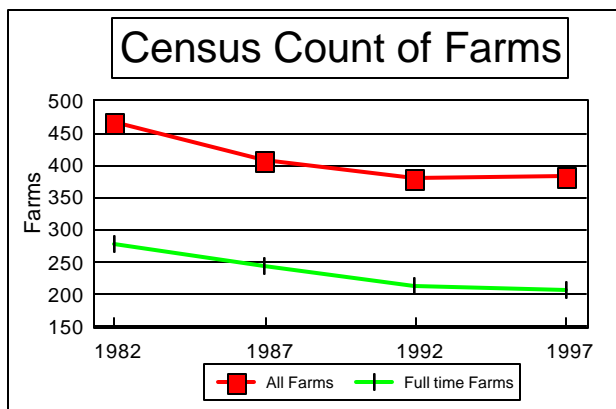
Increased 2 percent to \$20,518,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 2 percent from \$52,464 in 1992 to \$53,571 in 1997.



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## Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	20,518	103	105	2,081	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	16,341	80	105	1,426	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,177	104	105	2,216	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	15,497	67	105	574	3,063
Soybeans	1,736	59	104	1,026	2,136
Wheat	974	98	105	923	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	834	80	105	1,116	3,043
Hogs and pigs	509	68	105	1,209	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	29,790	66	105	642	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,697	68	105	1,248	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	316	69	105	1,491	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	19	60	1,277	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	80	25	105	1,162	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	47,696	56	105	648	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,645	68	105	1,226	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	614	33	104	1,514	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	548	36	105	1,482	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	316	75	104	1,651	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	22,938	50	105	894	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,202	53	104	991	2,144
Wheat-acres	8,290	95	105	847	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	3,615	97	105	322	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	432	103	105	2,090	2,691

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

## Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	172	139	24
\$10,000 or more .....	211	243	-13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	15,097	14,342	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	39,416	37,544	5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,453	2,898	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,015	7,588	19
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	332	320	4
Partnership or corporation .....	48	57	-16
Other .....	3	5	-40
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	206	214	-4
Other .....	177	168	5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	355	361	-2
Female .....	28	21	33
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	379	381	-1
Black and other races .....	4	1	300
Average age of operator .....	58.0	57.7	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.