

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 671,223 acres in 1992 to 668,993 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 969 acres in 1992 to 967 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 454 farms in 1992 to 402 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

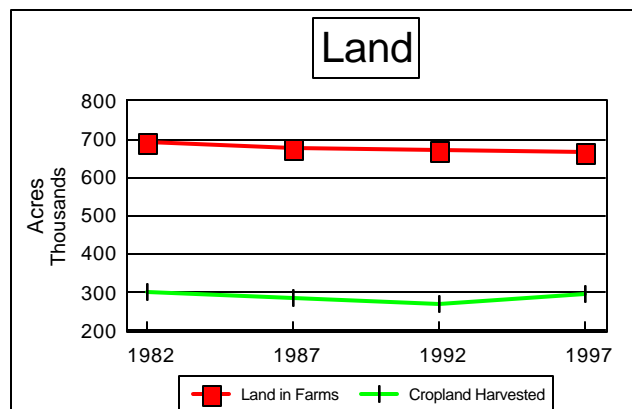
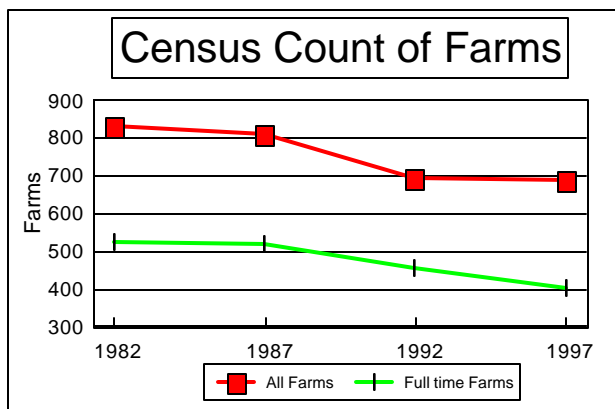
Decreased 5 percent to \$308,296,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 5 percent from \$468,445 in 1992 to \$445,514 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	308,296	5	105	61	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	259,642	5	105	39	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	48,654	13	105	570	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	259,060	5	105	18	3,063
Corn for grain	18,872	16	105	359	2,582
Wheat	15,882	27	105	115	2,578
Grain sorghum	7,830	17	105	30	1,275
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,815	6	105	117	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	378,455	5	105	18	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,148	82	105	1,523	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,118	22	105	761	2,765
All goats sold	300	1	86	329	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	58	40	105	1,491	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	183,514	4	105	36	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,988	79	105	1,354	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	597	29	105	1,341	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	450	66	104	1,463	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	328	62	104	1,993	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	175,940	10	105	78	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	51,635	15	105	496	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	50,690	19	105	40	1,508
Hay crops-acres	21,288	55	105	976	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,029	70	104	1,308	2,144

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 .....	206	212	-3
\$10,000 or more .....	486	481	1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	264,116	276,101	-4
Average per farm .....dollars..	381,120	398,413	-4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	44,327	49,510	-10
Average per farm .....dollars..	63,963	71,443	-10
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	562	557	1
Partnership or corporation .....	119	134	-11
Other .....	11	2	450
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	402	454	-11
Other .....	290	239	21
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	639	658	-3
Female .....	53	35	51
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	690	693	-0
Black and other races .....	2	-	
Average age of operator .....	56.1	52.7	6

(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.