

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 668,420 acres in 1992 to 623,096 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 1,196 acres in 1992 to 1,208 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 401 farms in 1992 to 356 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

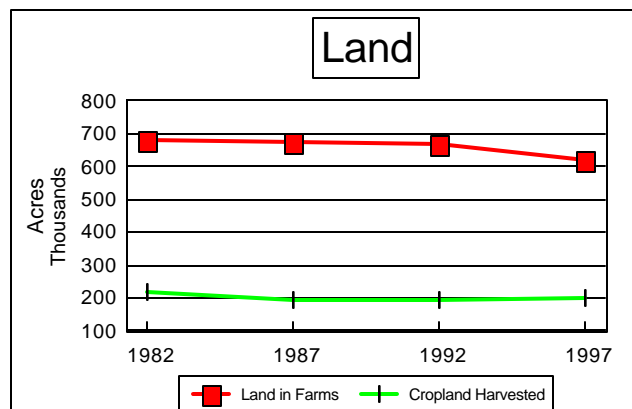
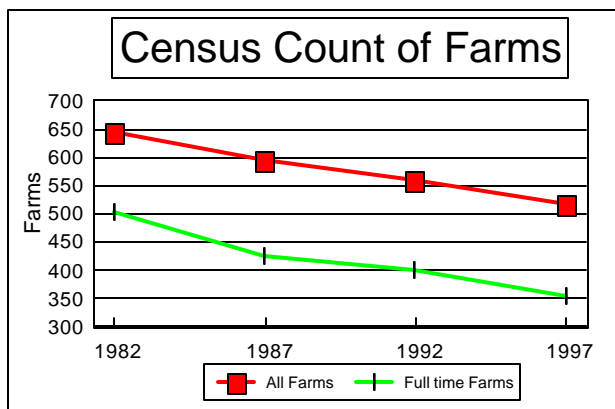
Increased 2 percent to \$34,357,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$60,241 in 1992 to \$66,584 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	34,357	90	105	1,590	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	19,293	79	105	1,288	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,065	86	105	1,508	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	15,623	28	105	121	2,578
Cattle and calves	14,802	72	105	612	3,063
Grain sorghum	2,386	68	105	147	1,275
Corn for grain	630	95	105	1,492	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	463	100	105	1,684	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	31,782	62	105	588	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	421	63	105	1,349	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	388	98	105	2,160	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	27	47	1,494	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	10	30	735	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	40,655	68	105	802	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,149	28	104	850	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	566	41	104	1,581	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	203	98	105	2,261	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	197	92	105	2,595	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	161,691	13	105	96	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	20,982	55	105	127	1,508
Hay crops-acres	10,566	88	105	1,659	3,061
Sorghum forage, hay-acres	2,503	2	83	4	382
Corn for grain-acres	2,413	93	105	1,583	2,691

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	109	111	-2
\$10,000 or more	407	448	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,370	24,415	-4
Average per farmdollars..	45,115	43,677	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,924	7,502	32
Average per farmdollars..	19,158	13,420	43
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	446	496	-10
Partnership or corporation	63	56	13
Other	7	7	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	356	401	-11
Other	160	158	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	494	541	-9
Female	22	18	22
Operators by race:			
White	515	559	-8
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	55.1	54.3	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.