

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 93,887 acres in 1992 to 81,071 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 145 acres in 1992 to 137 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 297 farms in 1992 to 235 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

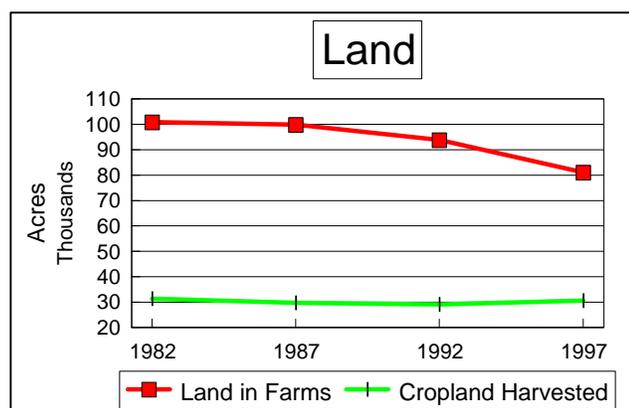
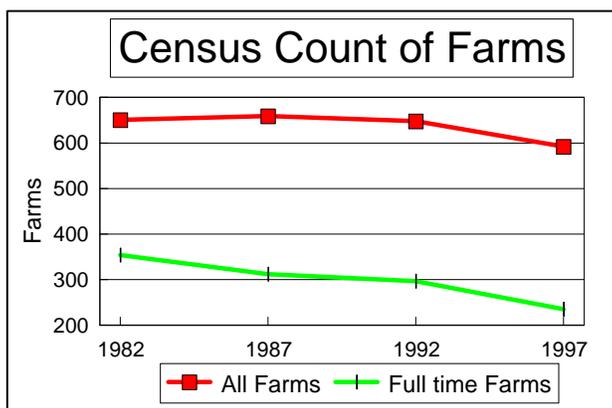
Decreased 9 percent to \$19,997,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased slightly from \$33,943 in 1992 to \$33,779 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	19,997	61	120	2,106	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,035	52	120	1,642	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,961	59	120	2,045	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	9,087	42	116	105	580
Dairy products	4,102	26	107	716	2,563
Cattle and calves	3,739	54	120	1,693	3,063
Soybeans	963	41	98	1,187	2,136
Nursery and greenhouse crops	770	18	113	1,112	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	9,467	54	120	1,654	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	364	81	116	2,192	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	33	79	116	2,063	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	82	106	2,454	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	92	110	2,426	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	18,447	50	120	1,611	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	417	71	119	1,830	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	360	72	118	2,002	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	258	32	117	1,409	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	176	93	119	2,384	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	17,274	49	120	1,176	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	5,559	39	98	1,177	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	4,219	47	118	1,394	2,691
Tobacco-acres	2,695	40	116	102	583
Corn for silage-acres	1,258	28	110	919	2,473

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 .....	275	273	1
\$10,000 or more .....	317	375	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	12,001	12,316	-3
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,238	19,006	6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,706	8,802	-12
Average per farm .....dollars..	12,995	13,584	-4
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	500	497	1
Partnership or corporation .....	92	149	-38
Other .....	-	2	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	235	297	-21
Other .....	357	351	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	554	600	-8
Female .....	38	48	-21
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	587	646	-9
Black and other races .....	5	2	150
Average age of operator .....	54.3	52.0	4

(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.