

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 226,206 acres in 1992 to 222,972 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 125 acres in 1992 to 136 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 747 farms in 1992 to 642 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

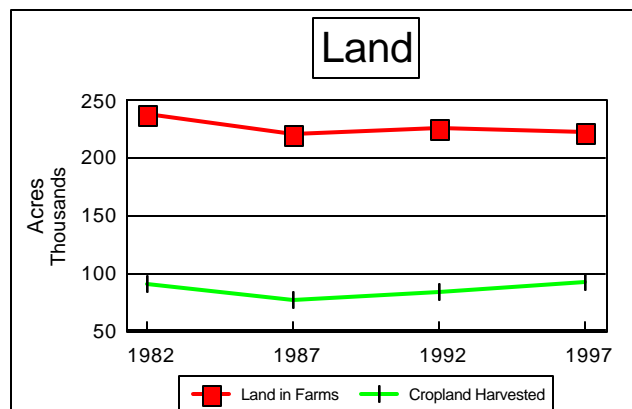
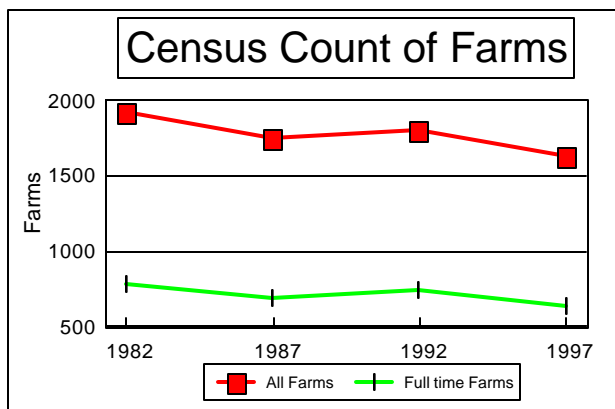
Decreased 1 percent to \$38,948,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 9 percent from \$21,759 in 1992 to \$23,792 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	38,948	21	120	1,464	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	22,897	19	120	1,155	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	16,050	30	120	1,443	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	8,423	45	116	112	580
Cattle and calves	8,350	22	120	1,046	3,063
Soybeans	6,270	17	98	682	2,136
Dairy products	5,018	22	107	637	2,563
Corn for grain	4,617	19	116	834	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	26,353	15	116	736	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	21,686	20	120	912	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	494	5	106	1,252	2,765
All goats sold	238	2	110	408	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	191	14	116	380	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	44,698	13	120	707	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	12,253	15	118	734	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,646	9	119	310	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	940	23	119	1,234	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	1	108	552	2,588
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	36,827	10	120	493	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	24,875	17	98	735	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	23,054	15	118	763	2,691
Wheat-acres	7,283	17	97	895	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,965	9	110	495	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 .....	1,025	1,108	-7
\$10,000 or more .....	612	702	-13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	30,187	29,294	3
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,440	16,184	14
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,249	10,921	-34
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,428	6,034	-27
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,477	1,561	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	155	246	-37
Other .....	5	3	67
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	642	747	-14
Other .....	995	1,063	-6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,484	1,664	-11
Female .....	153	146	5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,621	1,802	-10
Black and other races .....	16	8	100
Average age of operator .....	54.7	53.1	3

(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.