

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 48,509 acres in 1992 to 48,940 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 16 percent from 142 acres in 1992 to 165 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 137 farms in 1992 to 104 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

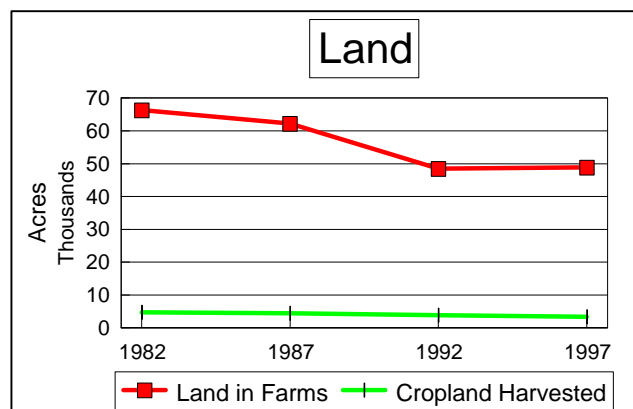
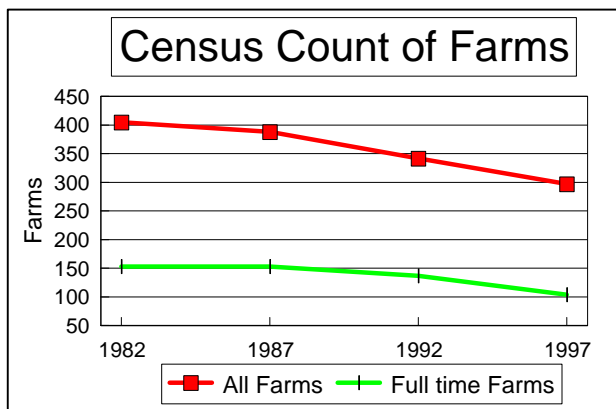
Decreased 39 percent to \$2,009,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 30 percent from \$9,667 in 1992 to \$6,763 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	2,009	107	120	2,947	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,513	105	120	2,603	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	495	106	120	2,958	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	1,267	97	116	294	580
Cattle and calves	461	105	120	2,779	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	106	103	119	2,657	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	61	34	105	1,568	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	88	113	2,313	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	1,449	103	120	2,736	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	94	116	2,548	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	40	110	1,505	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	5	106	116	2,877	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,221	102	120	2,720	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	171	98	119	2,669	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	154	98	119	2,449	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	65	94	118	2,615	3,005
All goat inventory	55	86	118	2,190	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	2,708	103	120	2,611	3,061
Tobacco-acres	488	91	116	270	583
Corn for grain-acres	211	106	118	2,238	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	44	36	105	1,613	2,741
Potatoes-acres	13	25	85	632	1,733

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 .....	241	272	-11
\$10,000 or more .....	56	70	-20
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,269	2,412	-47
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,272	7,031	-39
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	519	659	-21
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,749	1,921	-9
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	265	317	-16
Partnership or corporation .....	30	23	30
Other .....	2	2	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	104	137	-24
Other .....	193	205	-6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	257	300	-14
Female .....	40	42	-5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	297	342	-13
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	56.1	56.3	-0

(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.