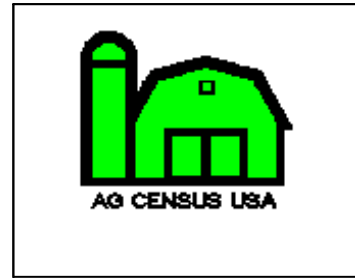


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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 175,541 acres in 1992 to 166,135 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 156 acres in 1992 to 169 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 468 farms in 1992 to 405 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

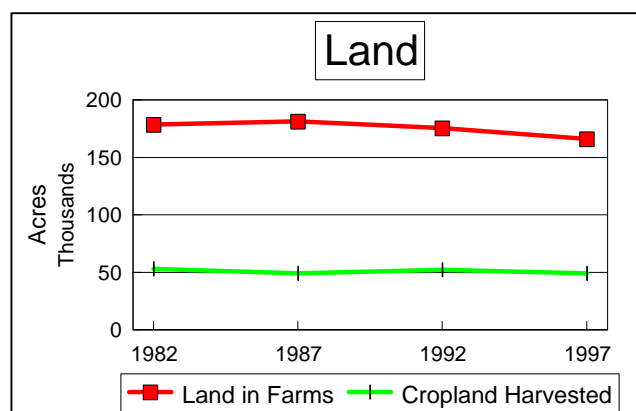
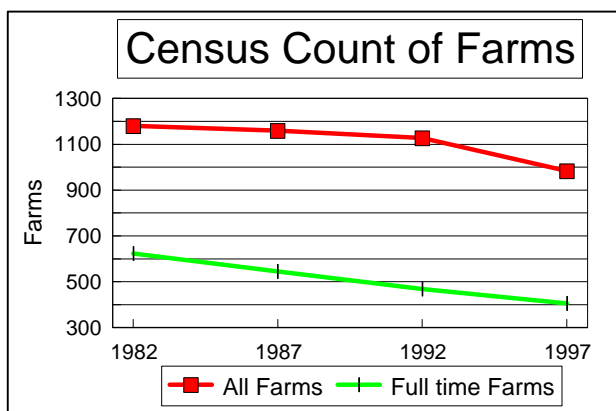
Decreased 6 percent to \$33,590,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$31,742 in 1992 to \$34,171 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	33,590	32	120	1,617	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	19,018	24	120	1,302	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	14,573	44	120	1,497	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	10,750	31	116	84	580
Cattle and calves	8,819	19	120	998	3,063
Dairy products	7,961	7	107	455	2,563
Hogs and pigs	1,905	21	116	822	2,976
Soybeans	1,781	33	98	1,017	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	22,416	18	120	876	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	17,744	22	116	851	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	375	12	106	1,410	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	61	52	116	1,424	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	45	63	1,790	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	47,818	9	120	646	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	12,697	14	118	730	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	653	16	117	881	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	517	59	119	1,545	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	349	22	109	1,596	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	31,600	23	120	638	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,315	35	98	1,096	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	5,625	38	118	1,272	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	3,673	5	110	410	2,473
Tobacco-acres	3,239	30	116	82	583

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	423	490	-14
\$10,000 or more	560	638	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,135	24,760	-7
Average per farmdollars..	23,559	21,950	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,088	11,554	5
Average per farmdollars..	12,310	10,243	20
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	829	921	-10
Partnership or corporation	149	203	-27
Other	5	4	25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	405	468	-13
Other	578	660	-12
Operators by sex:			
Male	915	1,047	-13
Female	68	81	-16
Operators by race:			
White	977	1,115	-12
Black and other races	6	13	-54
Average age of operator	52.6	51.7	2

(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.