

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 136,869 acres in 1992 to 133,706 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 128 acres in 1992 to 141 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 548 farms in 1992 to 429 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

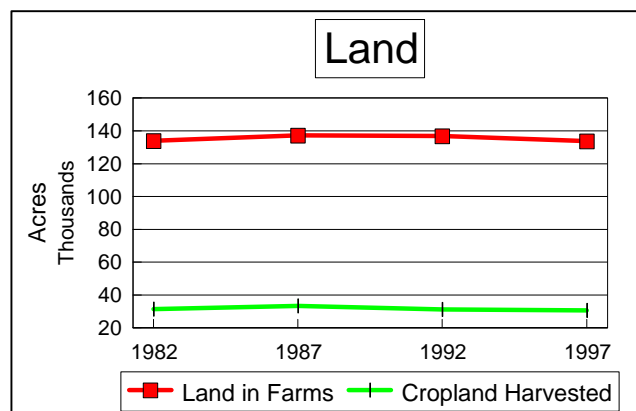
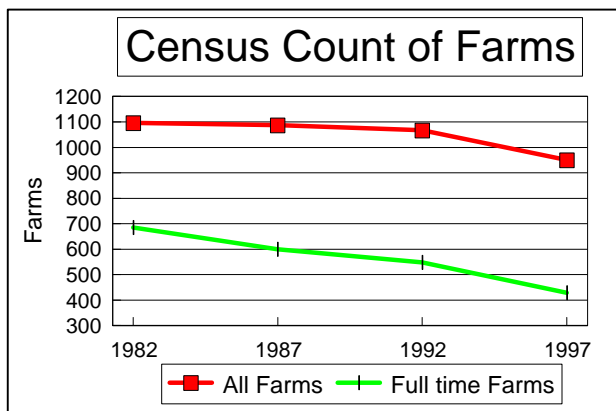
Increased 3 percent to \$24,993,000 in 1997.

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 16 percent from \$22,647 in 1992 to \$26,308 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	24,993	50	120	1,917	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	14,201	37	120	1,569	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,792	60	120	1,704	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	9,384	37	116	98	580
Cattle and calves	7,192	26	120	1,162	3,063
Dairy products	6,896	13	107	498	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	648	39	119	1,371	3,043
Corn for grain	267	68	116	1,745	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	16,065	35	120	1,183	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	516	75	116	2,045	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	19	63	987	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	52	60	106	2,255	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	44	70	116	1,786	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	32,322	28	120	1,052	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	11	117	662	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	533	57	119	1,513	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	226	81	119	2,249	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	164	83	118	2,328	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	23,746	31	120	868	3,061
Tobacco-acres	3,171	32	116	85	583
Corn for grain-acres	2,628	59	118	1,558	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,365	25	110	880	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	751	73	98	1,640	2,144

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 .....	489	570	-14
\$10,000 or more .....	461	497	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	16,326	15,544	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,168	14,568	18
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,814	9,906	-11
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,268	9,284	-0
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	851	953	-11
Partnership or corporation .....	98	113	-13
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	429	548	-22
Other .....	521	519	0
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	844	953	-11
Female .....	106	114	-7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	934	1,054	-11
Black and other races .....	16	13	23
Average age of operator .....	53.6	53.5	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.