

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 35,712 acres in 1992 to 31,767 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 109 acres in 1992 to 129 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 33 percent from 150 farms in 1992 to 101 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

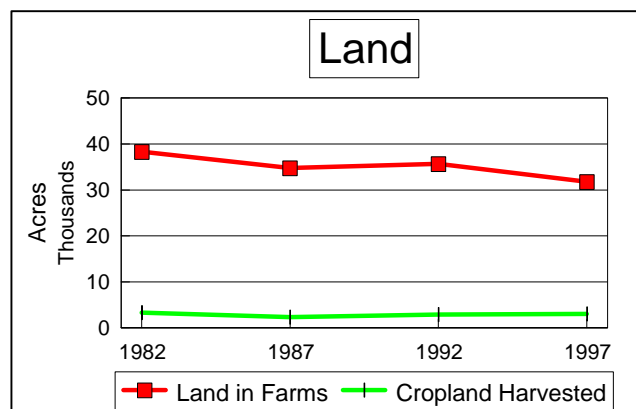
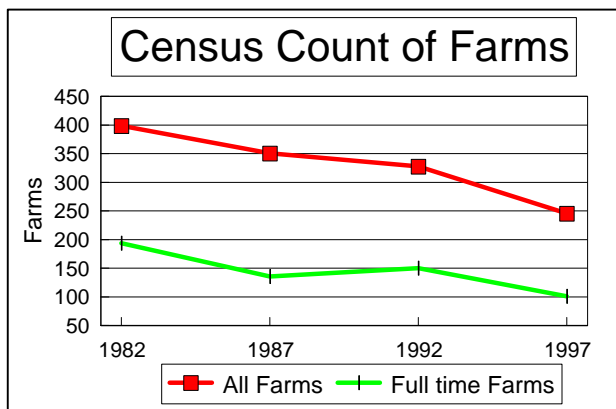
Decreased 12 percent to \$2,914,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 18 percent from \$10,049 in 1992 to \$11,845 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	2,914	103	120	2,892	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	2,695	101	120	2,408	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	218	112	120	3,002	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	2,546	82	116	225	580
Cattle and calves	204	110	120	2,918	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	63	107	119	2,788	3,043
Corn for grain	40	101	116	2,188	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	25	57	105	1,938	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	620	109	120	2,904	3,063
All goats sold	126	10	110	773	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	95	116	2,593	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	6	104	116	2,838	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	82	88	2,129	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,315	110	120	2,911	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	125	105	119	2,543	3,002
All goat inventory	63	79	118	2,089	2,983
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	57	52	101	1,516	2,549
Horse and pony inventory	53	113	119	2,972	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	1,842	107	120	2,737	3,061
Tobacco-acres	927	79	116	209	583
Corn for grain-acres	225	104	118	2,225	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	101	110	2,183	2,473
All nursery-acres	43	33	99	1,565	2,619

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 .....	166	233	-29
\$10,000 or more .....	80	95	-16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,531	1,801	-15
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,248	5,507	13
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,396	1,458	-4
Average per farm .....dollars..	5,698	4,457	28
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	218	282	-23
Partnership or corporation .....	28	45	-38
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	101	150	-33
Other .....	145	178	-19
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	221	287	-23
Female .....	25	41	-39
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	246	328	-25
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	51.8	52.8	-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.