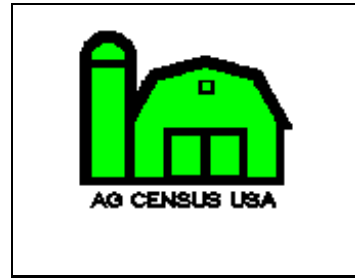


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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 87,574 acres in 1992 to 87,880 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 129 acres in 1992 to 152 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 26 percent from 313 farms in 1992 to 233 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

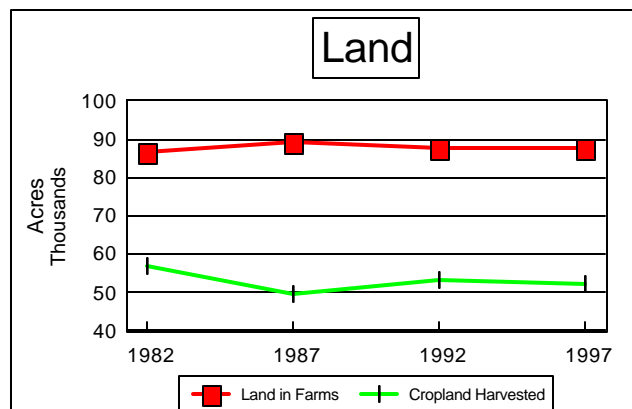
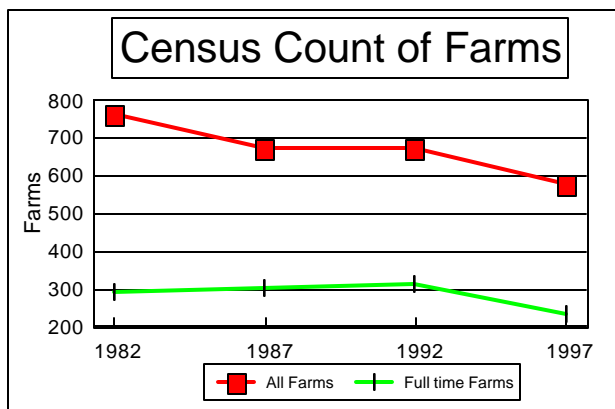
Increased 31 percent to \$24,007,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 54 percent from \$27,059 in 1992 to \$41,606 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	24,007	37	64	1,954	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	21,290	25	64	1,214	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,717	40	64	2,624	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	9,865	14	49	136	2,237
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	4,127	15	38	150	1,971
Soybeans	3,098	21	48	872	2,136
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,018	6	59	558	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,896	29	64	2,196	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,759	30	64	2,046	3,063
Colonies of bees sold (D)		1	5	53	611
Sheep and lambs sold	347	1	45	1,451	2,765
All goats sold	334	3	50	299	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	133	19	32	1,274	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,705	28	64	1,935	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	2,744	4	42	226	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,038	8	64	700	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	805	10	52	781	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	727	20	59	1,388	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	16,136	20	48	854	2,144
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	13,777	12	27	17	55
Rice-acres	10,534	13	35	63	153
Hay crops-acres	7,988	22	64	1,911	3,061
Wheat-acres	2,156	16	41	1,402	2,612

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	439	519	-15
\$10,000 or more	138	158	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,223	14,040	1
Average per farmdollars..	24,694	20,738	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,720	4,131	63
Average per farmdollars..	11,667	6,102	91
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	518	615	-16
Partnership or corporation	57	55	4
Other	2	7	-71
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	233	313	-26
Other	344	364	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	535	625	-14
Female	42	52	-19
Operators by race:			
White	553	654	-15
Black and other races	24	23	4
Average age of operator	56.2	55.9	1

(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.