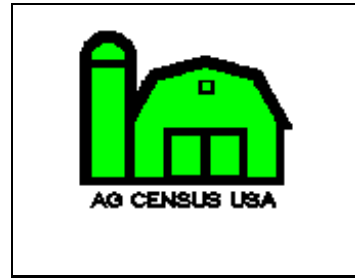


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Land in farms

Increased 19 percent from 74,678 acres in 1992 to 89,083 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 207 acres in 1992 to 236 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 161 farms in 1992 to 160 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

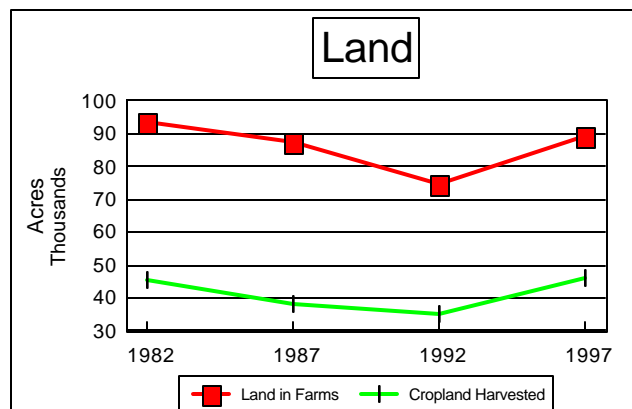
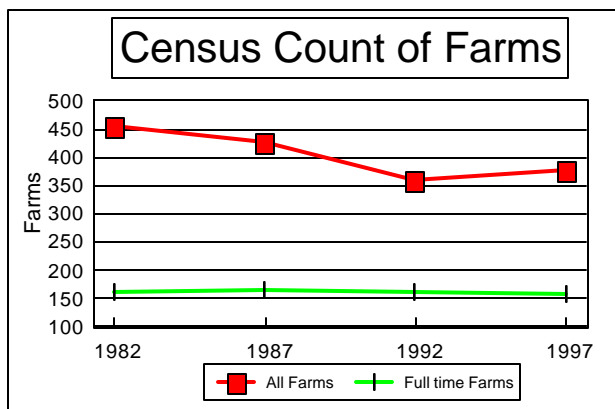
Increased 40 percent to \$25,729,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 34 percent from \$50,917 in 1992 to \$68,248 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	25,729	35	64	1,893	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,601	28	64	1,410	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,128	13	64	1,925	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	10,267	10	30	144	709
Poultry & poultry products	4,979	8	54	601	2,901
Soybeans	2,019	23	48	981	2,136
All other livestock & products	(D)	2	21	30	1,649
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,395	21	38	249	1,971
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,690,000	7	20	348	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	3,969	40	64	2,323	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	12	35	1,037	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	220	15	32	1,142	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	89	14	62	1,041	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	401,225	8	45	356	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	7,017	43	64	2,403	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	8	42	349	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	978	16	59	1,216	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	847	11	64	918	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	18,652	11	30	190	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	11,179	22	48	962	2,144
Hay crops-acres	4,677	34	64	2,323	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	4,524	16	50	1,357	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	2,997	1	61	167	2,693

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	245	243	1
\$10,000 or more	132	117	13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,582	15,492	39
Average per farmdollars..	57,400	42,914	34
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,721	2,184	25
Average per farmdollars..	7,237	6,049	20
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	316	299	6
Partnership or corporation	57	56	2
Other	4	5	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	160	161	-1
Other	217	199	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	351	334	5
Female	26	26	
Operators by race:			
White	363	353	3
Black and other races	14	7	100
Average age of operator	54.5	55.1	-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.