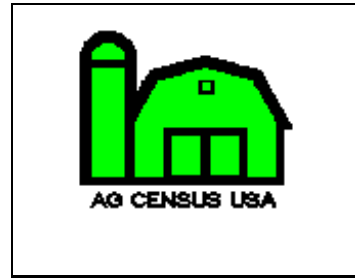


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Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 210,570 acres in 1992 to 194,480 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 249 acres in 1992 to 238 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 399 farms in 1992 to 380 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

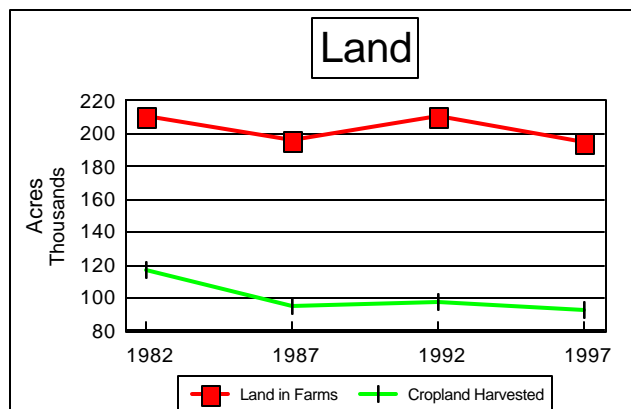
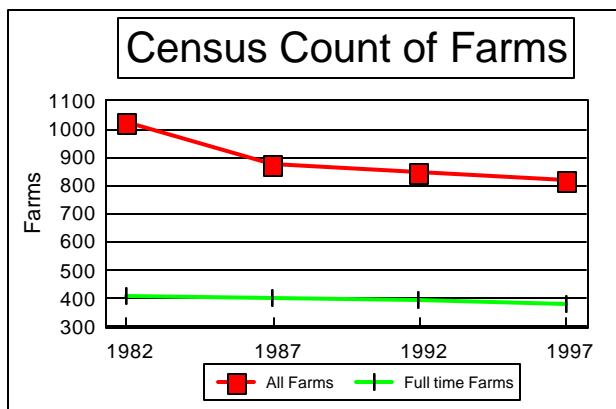
Increased 22 percent to \$55,175,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 26 percent from \$53,431 in 1992 to \$67,534 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	55,175	14	64	1,081	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	48,827	13	64	564	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,348	23	64	2,206	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	19,478	1	59	107	2,790
Soybeans	8,939	11	48	583	2,136
Cotton, cottonseed	8,551	12	30	167	709
Cattle and calves	4,322	11	64	1,574	3,063
Corn for grain	4,241	12	47	858	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	12,782	10	64	1,391	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	459	14	59	2,092	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	15	35	1,247	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	17	32	1,229	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	109	9	62	840	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	26,375	10	64	1,263	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	9	42	484	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	850	10	64	913	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	587	22	59	1,560	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	383	20	52	1,158	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	38,712	14	48	607	2,144
Cotton-acres	14,972	12	30	212	713
Corn for grain-acres	11,775	12	50	1,021	2,691
Hay crops-acres	11,078	12	64	1,608	3,061
Rice-acres	5,415	17	35	76	153

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	492	508	-3
\$10,000 or more	325	339	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	38,391	34,395	12
Average per farmdollars..	47,048	40,608	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,571	10,214	33
Average per farmdollars..	16,631	12,059	38
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	718	756	-5
Partnership or corporation	98	87	13
Other	1	4	-75
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	380	399	-5
Other	437	448	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	726	768	-5
Female	91	79	15
Operators by race:			
White	795	838	-5
Black and other races	22	9	144
Average age of operator	53.6	53.7	-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.