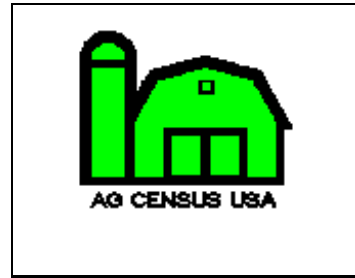


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Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 70,936 acres in 1992 to 77,997 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 24 percent from 259 acres in 1992 to 321 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 162 farms in 1992 to 126 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

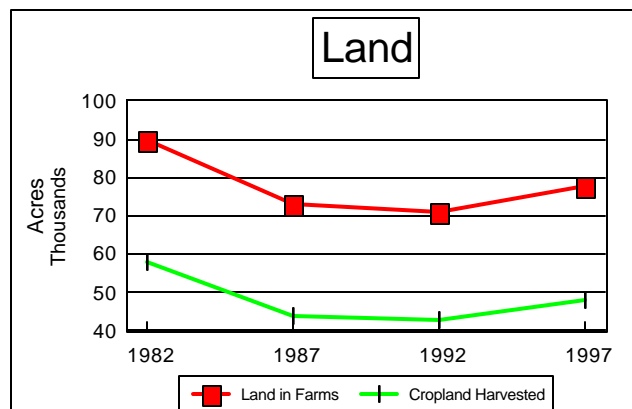
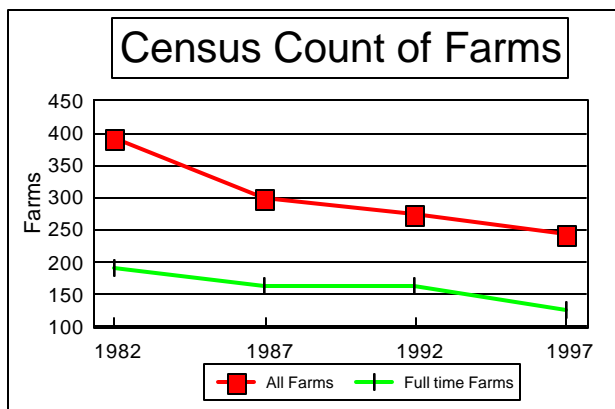
Increased 55 percent to \$30,648,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 75 percent from \$72,239 in 1992 to \$126,123 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	30,648	30	64	1,699	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	27,798	22	64	1,007	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,849	39	64	2,610	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	24,052	7	49	58	2,237
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	2,029	18	38	215	1,971
Aquaculture	(D)	7	43	77	1,505
Soybeans	1,162	32	48	1,142	2,136
Cattle and calves	505	53	64	2,759	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,395	53	64	2,748	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	299	19	59	2,264	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	145	7	45	1,858	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	18	25	933	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	26	45	62	2,261	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	1	42	118	2,588
Cattle and calves inventory	3,412	52	64	2,705	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	307	38	64	2,186	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	237	9	52	1,778	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	211	30	52	1,540	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sugarcane, sugar-acres	31,215	5	27	7	55
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,134	31	48	1,148	2,144
Rice-acres	5,515	16	35	75	153
Hay crops-acres	2,054	49	64	2,706	3,061
Sugarcane, seed-acres	1,948	6	24	7	39

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	135	131	3
\$10,000 or more	108	143	-24
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	19,330	15,221	27
Average per farmdollars..	78,898	55,549	42
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,142	3,632	179
Average per farmdollars..	41,397	13,257	212
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	194	229	-15
Partnership or corporation	47	44	7
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	126	162	-22
Other	117	112	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	223	264	-16
Female	20	10	100
Operators by race:			
White	224	253	-11
Black and other races	19	21	-10
Average age of operator	53.2	51.2	4

(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.