

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 62,242 acres in 1992 to 55,905 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 206 acres in 1992 to 194 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 177 farms in 1992 to 150 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

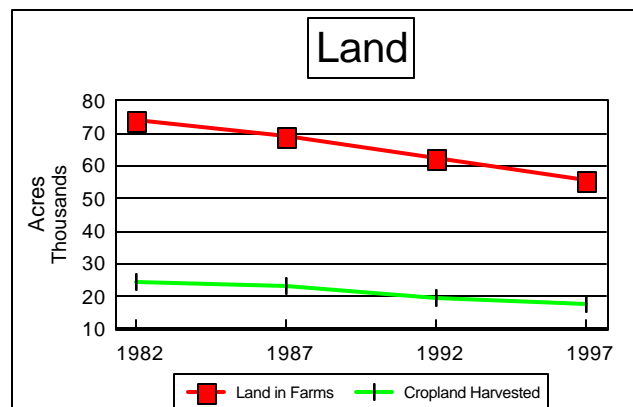
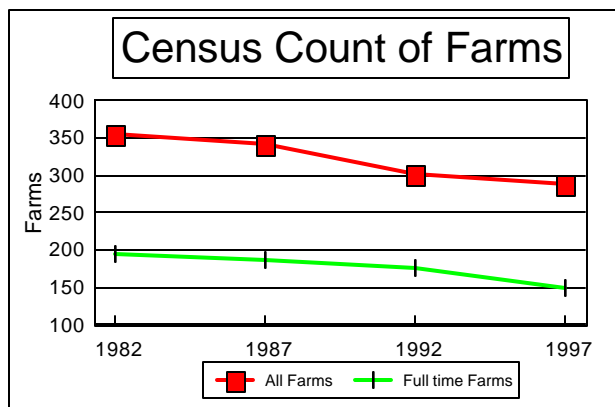
Decreased 23 percent to \$62,377,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 19 percent from \$268,267 in 1992 to \$216,587 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	62,377	2	16	939	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	54,484	1	16	452	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,893	7	16	1,896	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	1	16	144	2,901
Dairy products	10,236	4	16	371	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	5,000	2	16	152	2,547
Cattle and calves	1,579	1	16	2,313	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,014	9	16	971	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	1	16	6	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	4,077	4	16	2,308	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	402	10	16	2,151	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	261	16	16	1,589	2,765
Turkeys sold	65	13	16	674	1,353
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	1	16	7	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	870,897	1	15	5	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	2	12	48	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	10,026	4	16	2,143	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	365	15	16	1,571	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	13,759	8	16	1,382	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,333	4	16	445	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	1,492	1	16	265	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	468	5	16	667	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	5	13	2,188	2,691

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 .....	150	168	-11
\$10,000 or more .....	138	134	3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	57,058	74,524	-23
Average per farm .....dollars..	199,505	247,588	-19
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,906	6,609	-41
Average per farm .....dollars..	13,656	21,958	-38
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	239	253	-6
Partnership or corporation .....	47	48	-2
Other .....	2	1	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	150	177	-15
Other .....	138	125	10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	261	275	-5
Female .....	27	27	
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	287	301	-5
Black and other races .....	1	1	
Average age of operator .....	56.1	55.9	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.