

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 118,152 acres in 1992 to 116,593 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 225 acres in 1992 to 222 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 263 farms in 1992 to 248 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

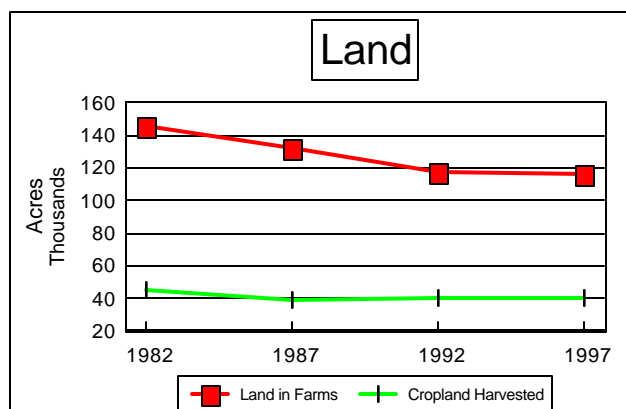
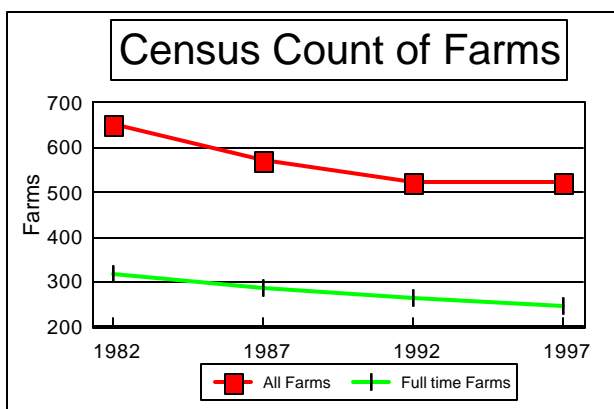
Increased 4 percent to \$29,978,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 4 percent from \$54,989 in 1992 to \$57,101 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	29,978	6	16	1,723	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,828	5	16	1,310	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,150	4	16	1,689	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	17,164	2	16	239	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	5,602	2	16	210	2,237
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,391	5	16	637	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,252	4	16	2,429	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,115	2	16	831	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	16	625	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	5,309	2	16	2,121	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,096	3	16	1,782	2,976
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	1	1	132	191
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	1	4	85	611
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	14,741	2	16	1,817	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	1,389	2	16	378	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,162	12	16	1,123	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	594	4	16	1,350	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	431	13	16	1,480	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	25,283	2	16	807	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	7,206	1	16	193	2,473
Potatoes-acres	4,007	2	16	64	1,733
Barley-acres	1,154	2	7	355	1,411
Oats-acres	1,057	2	15	623	2,332

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 .....	312	294	6
\$10,000 or more .....	213	230	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	24,388	23,376	4
Average per farm .....dollars..	46,543	44,527	5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,596	5,335	-14
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,771	10,161	-14
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	466	476	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	56	45	24
Other .....	3	3	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	248	263	-6
Other .....	277	261	6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	453	457	-1
Female .....	72	67	7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	519	522	-1
Black and other races .....	6	2	200
Average age of operator .....	54.6	53.2	3

(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.