

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 334,040 acres in 1992 to 324,887 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 378 acres in 1992 to 365 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 647 farms in 1992 to 530 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

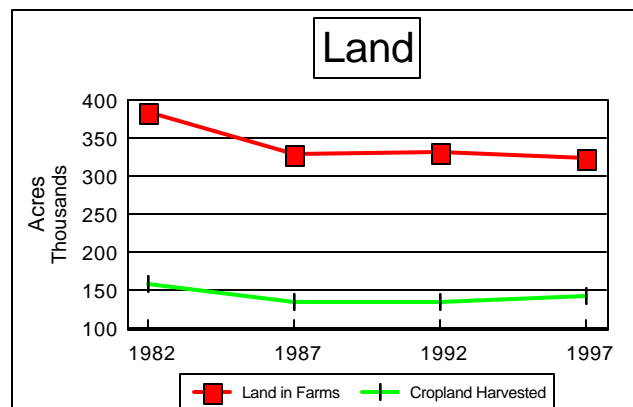
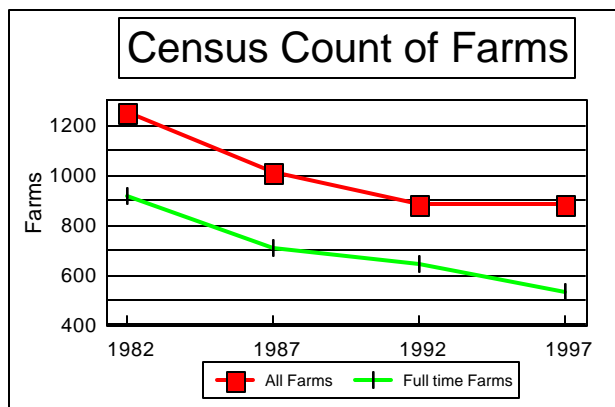
Decreased 11 percent to \$109,619,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 11 percent from \$138,877 in 1992 to \$123,306 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	109,619	1	16	435	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	104,685	1	16	126	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,934	11	16	2,365	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	87,315	1	16	9	2,237
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	8,984	1	16	117	2,739
Barley	3,036	1	5	69	1,167
Dairy products	3,013	10	16	870	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,886	6	16	717	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	13	16	840	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	3,542	5	16	2,388	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,619	1	16	1,639	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	650	5	16	1,088	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	5	13	289	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,755	5	16	2,176	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,499	1	16	1,447	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	879	13	16	1,269	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	727	6	16	1,166	2,864
Broiler inventory	620	5	16	890	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Potatoes-acres	65,454	1	16	1	1,733
Barley-acres	26,766	1	7	59	1,411
Hay crops-acres	21,795	4	16	944	3,061
Oats-acres	20,644	1	15	5	2,332
Land used for vegetables-acres	7,356	1	16	92	2,741

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 .....	387	266	45
\$10,000 or more .....	502	618	-19
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	88,177	96,255	-8
Average per farm .....dollars..	99,298	108,885	-9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	17,663	25,368	-30
Average per farm .....dollars..	19,891	28,697	-31
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	746	727	3
Partnership or corporation .....	139	153	-9
Other .....	4	4	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	530	647	-18
Other .....	359	237	51
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	839	852	-2
Female .....	50	32	56
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	889	884	1
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	51.7	49.4	5

(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.