

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 27,622 acres in 1992 to 25,183 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 127 acres in 1992 to 130 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 97 farms in 1992 to 90 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

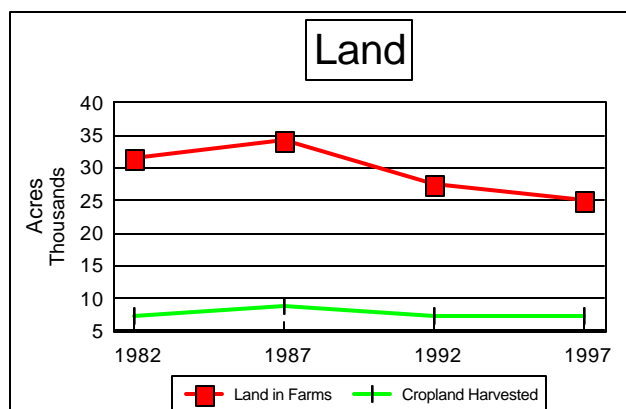
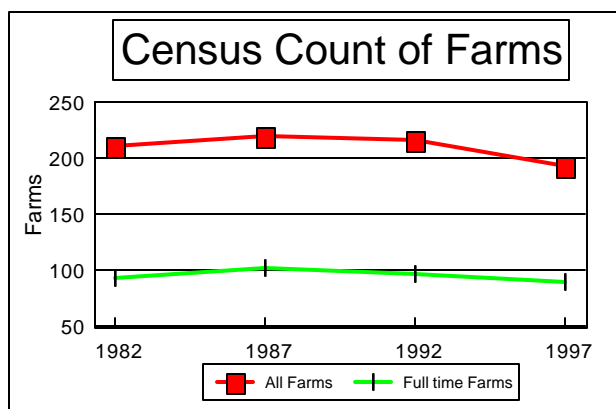
Decreased 13 percent to \$5,603,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 2 percent from \$29,585 in 1992 to \$28,883 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	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
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
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
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
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
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
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
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
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
Farms by value of sales:			
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 farmdollars..	199,505	247,588	-19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,906	6,609	-41
Average per farmdollars..	13,656	21,958	-38
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	239	253	-6
Partnership or corporation	47	48	-2
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	150	177	-15
Other	138	125	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	261	275	-5
Female	27	27	
Operators by race:			
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.