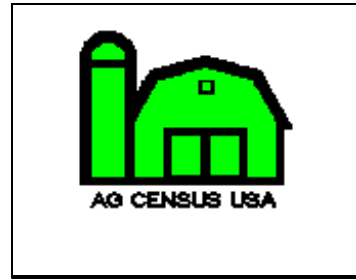


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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 157,505 acres in 1992 to 160,180 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 146 acres in 1992 to 154 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 541 farms in 1992 to 495 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

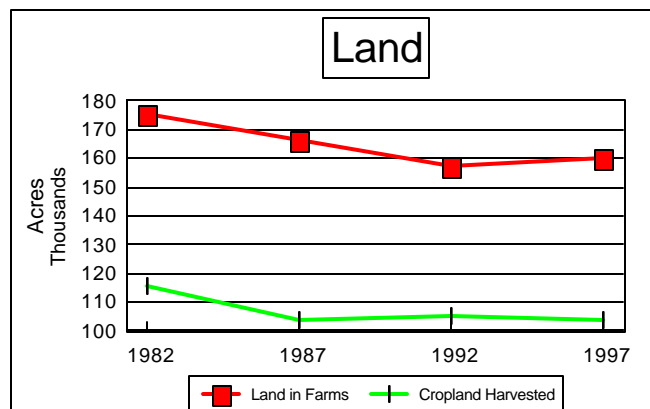
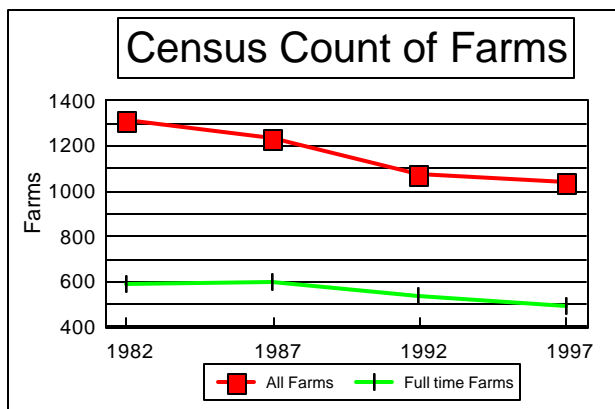
Increased 6 percent to \$71,272,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$62,005 in 1992 to \$68,465 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	71,272	7	23	812	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	45,496	8	23	577	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	25,776	7	23	1,065	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	21,656	3	21	195	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	12,261	10	23	389	2,901
Cattle and calves	8,106	3	23	1,067	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,813	8	23	298	2,790
Corn for grain	5,060	9	23	804	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	7	22	268	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	13	21	652	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	21,395	1	23	793	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	18,233	2	23	1,072	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	4	21	466	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	754,867	2	23	103	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	30,584	3	23	1,109	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	13	22	623	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,434	3	23	834	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	4,584	4	22	262	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	29,160	5	23	684	2,691
Hay crops-acres	27,343	2	23	735	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	22,198	10	23	765	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	14,451	3	23	67	2,473
Wheat-acres	8,559	9	23	830	2,612

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	608	649	-6
\$10,000 or more	433	431	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	61,215	59,750	2
Average per farmdollars..	58,635	55,325	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,903	8,918	22
Average per farmdollars..	10,444	8,257	26
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	926	961	-4
Partnership or corporation	108	117	-8
Other	7	2	250
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	495	541	-9
Other	546	539	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	922	944	-2
Female	119	136	-13
Operators by race:			
White	1,037	1,075	-4
Black and other races	4	5	-20
Average age of operator	54.5	53.2	2

(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.