

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 5,757 acres in 1992 to 4,896 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 25 percent from 103 acres in 1992 to 77 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 14 percent from 28 farms in 1992 to 32 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

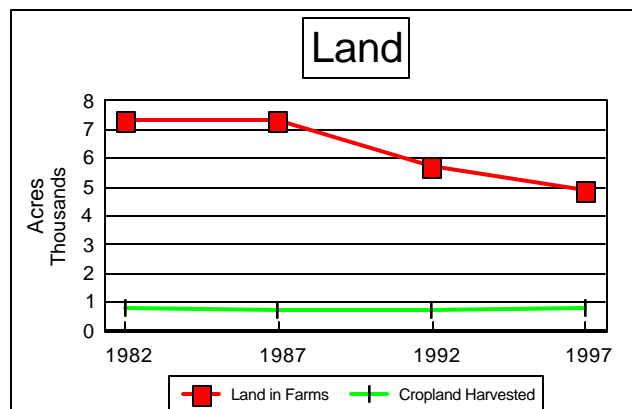
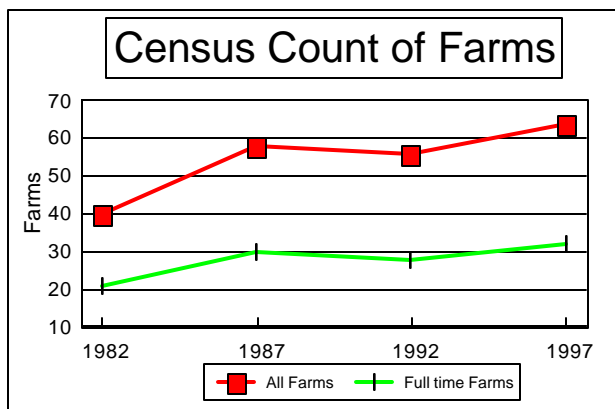
Increased 47 percent to \$1,250,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 29 percent from \$15,163 in 1992 to \$19,524 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	1,250	13	14	2,991	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	986	13	14	2,735	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	264	12	12	2,986	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	13	14	1,252	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	227	13	14	1,014	2,739
Aquaculture	(D)	5	9	321	1,505
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	114	11	13	2,626	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	13	13	1,260	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Sheep and lambs sold	245	11	12	1,624	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	11	12	2,387	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	11	11	1,352	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	89	8	12	1,401	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	65	11	12	3,038	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	425	12	12	1,813	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	318	11	12	1,647	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	306	9	12	1,292	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	290	11	12	3,008	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	9	12	1,490	2,620
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	734	11	13	2,915	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	13	14	1,405	2,741
All nursery-acres	26	12	14	1,766	2,619
Total berries-acres	(D)	13	13	608	2,058
Rye for grain-acres	(D)	3	6	980	1,207

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 .....	46	38	21
\$10,000 or more .....	18	18	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,180	1,010	17
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,432	18,037	2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	70	(D)	
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,092	(D)	
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	48	43	12
Partnership or corporation .....	12	8	50
Other .....	4	5	-20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	32	28	14
Other .....	32	28	14
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	41	42	-2
Female .....	23	14	64
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	64	56	14
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	51.5	53.8	-4

(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.