

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 37,477 acres in 1992 to 37,417 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 91 acres in 1992 to 90 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 215 farms in 1992 to 209 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

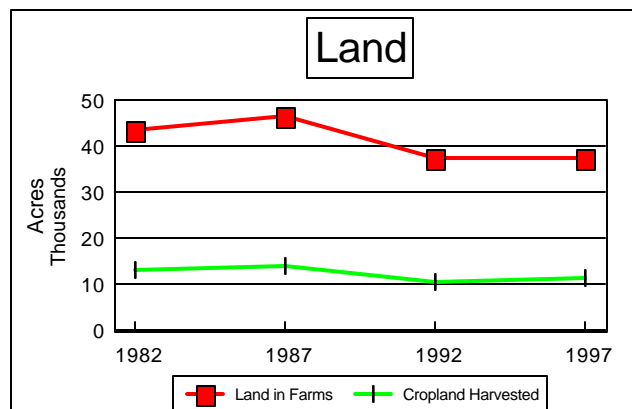
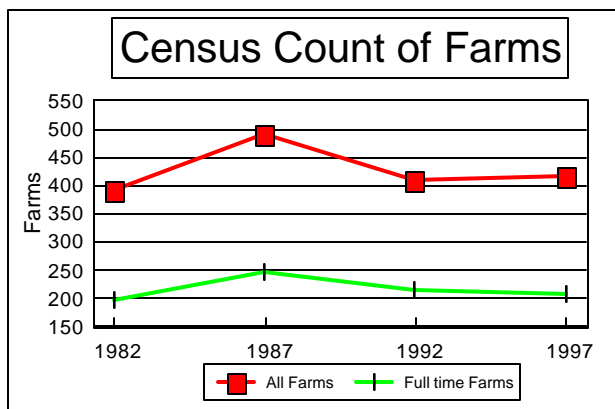
Increased 54 percent to \$29,107,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 51 percent from \$46,211 in 1992 to \$69,633 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	29,107	7	14	1,759	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	24,986	7	14	1,091	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,120	8	12	2,447	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	(D)	1	4	88	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,400	6	14	255	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,255	6	14	259	2,739
Dairy products	(D)	6	11	881	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,041	6	13	228	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	11	572	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	3	11	367	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	1,214	7	12	2,789	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	552	8	12	2,023	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	438	4	9	376	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,555	6	12	2,694	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	736	11	12	1,379	3,002
All turkeys inventory	532	5	12	398	2,361
Horse and pony inventory	506	9	13	1,578	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	451	9	12	1,462	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,004	6	13	2,019	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,673	7	11	781	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,220	7	14	400	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	711	3	13	389	2,693
All nursery-acres	674	4	14	423	2,619

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 .....	261	253	3
\$10,000 or more .....	157	157	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	21,535	15,559	38
Average per farm .....dollars..	51,519	38,042	35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,511	2,585	152
Average per farm .....dollars..	15,576	6,319	146
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	356	350	2
Partnership or corporation .....	58	57	2
Other .....	4	3	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	209	215	-3
Other .....	209	195	7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	350	344	2
Female .....	68	66	3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	417	410	2
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	56.7	55.4	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.