

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 186,431 acres in 1992 to 176,831 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 254 acres in 1992 to 253 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 449 farms in 1992 to 364 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

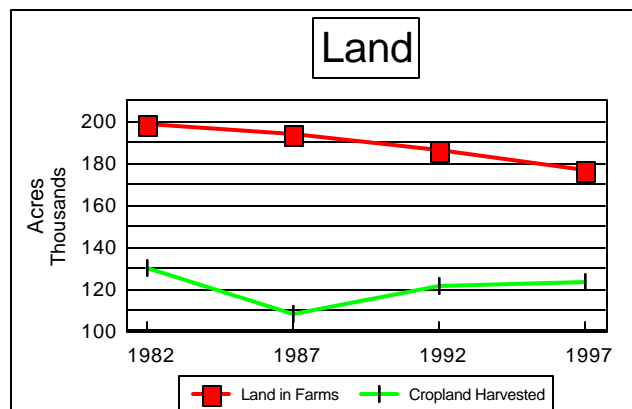
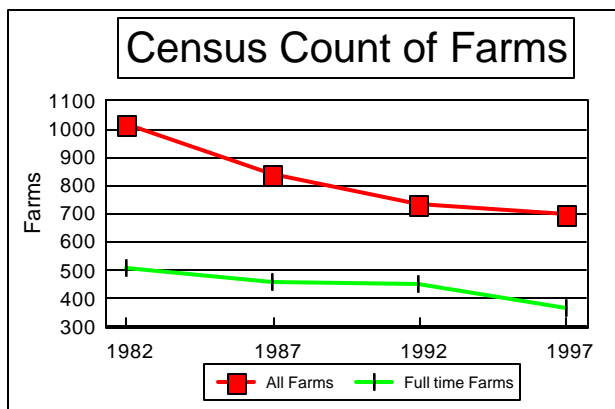
Decreased 7 percent to \$67,491,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 3 percent from \$99,163 in 1992 to \$96,416 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	67,491	20	83	867	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	35,796	9	83	749	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	31,695	29	82	897	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	31,451	2	81	93	2,976
Corn for grain	11,216	20	75	523	2,582
Soybeans	8,307	20	64	604	2,136
Fruits, nuts, berries	3,533	13	80	179	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,520	28	82	619	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	274,095	2	81	109	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	67	98	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	3,246	44	83	2,446	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	14	64	967	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	949	18	79	835	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	172,740	1	80	68	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	4	80	171	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	7,082	46	83	2,400	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,147	20	79	851	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	866	36	81	1,276	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	63,940	12	77	408	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	37,699	19	64	611	2,144
Hay crops-acres	12,210	43	83	1,493	3,061
Wheat-acres	4,565	32	76	1,102	2,612
Land in orchards-acres	2,246	15	80	196	2,693

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 .....	322	305	6
\$10,000 or more .....	378	430	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	55,517	61,867	-10
Average per farm .....dollars..	79,310	84,172	-6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	11,472	11,441	0
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,389	15,566	5
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	622	632	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	76	100	-24
Other .....	2	3	-33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	364	449	-19
Other .....	336	286	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	634	686	-8
Female .....	66	49	35
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	690	727	-5
Black and other races .....	10	8	25
Average age of operator .....	53.9	52.1	3

(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.