

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 64,084 acres in 1992 to 62,831 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 18 percent from 219 acres in 1992 to 180 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 24 percent from 142 farms in 1992 to 176 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

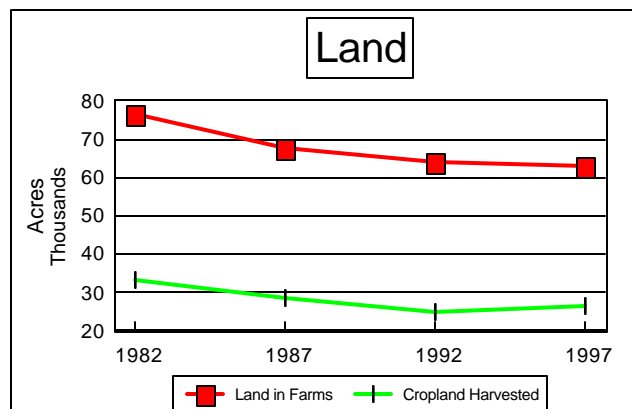
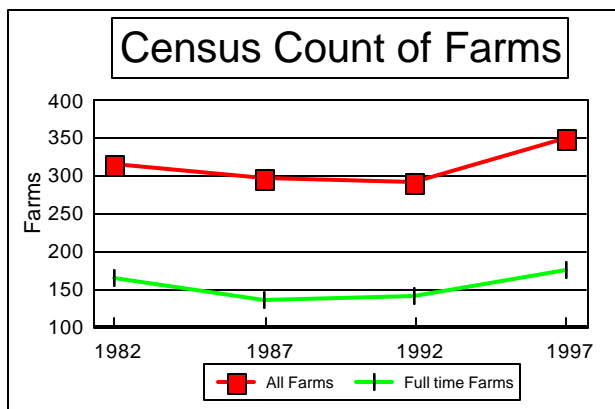
Increased 22 percent to \$12,950,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 1 percent from \$36,476 in 1992 to \$36,999 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	12,950	52	83	2,386	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,213	35	83	1,767	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,737	65	82	2,560	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	6,577	32	78	523	2,563
Cattle and calves	3,551	25	83	1,738	3,063
Hogs and pigs	832	33	81	1,062	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	756	45	82	1,220	3,043
Corn for grain	366	53	75	1,662	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	12,214	29	81	974	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,496	25	83	1,843	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	638	31	79	1,103	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	29	67	872	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	240	40	66	1,211	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,916	28	83	1,854	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,550	31	80	1,046	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,066	28	81	1,164	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	842	34	83	926	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	695	32	79	1,188	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	18,077	28	83	1,131	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,509	53	77	1,463	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	2,281	35	77	621	2,473
Wheat-acres	1,250	49	76	1,593	2,612
Oats-acres	727	44	83	801	2,332

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 .....	215	172	25
\$10,000 or more .....	135	120	13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	10,074	7,930	27
Average per farm .....dollars..	28,783	27,159	6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,822	1,596	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	5,205	5,467	-5
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	318	270	18
Partnership or corporation .....	31	20	55
Other .....	1	2	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	176	142	24
Other .....	174	150	16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	313	275	14
Female .....	37	17	118
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	346	291	19
Black and other races .....	4	1	300
Average age of operator .....	54.0	51.2	5

(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.