

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 28,415 acres in 1992 to 28,298 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 15 percent from 287 acres in 1992 to 244 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 56 farms in 1992 to 49 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

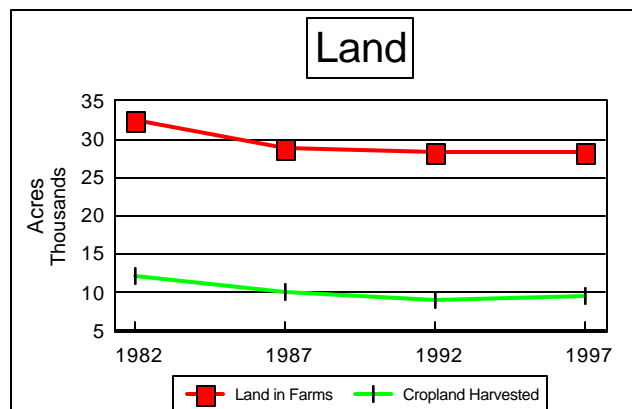
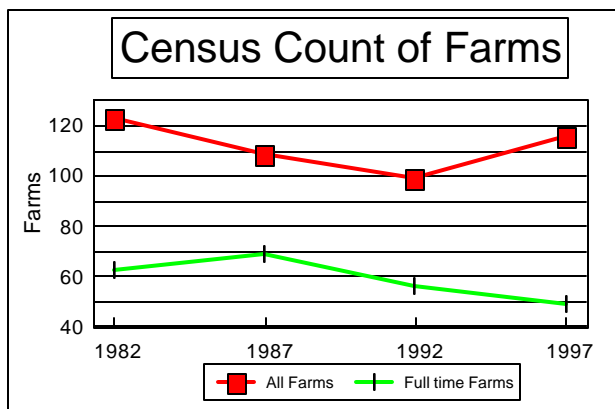
Decreased 1 percent to \$3,941,000 in 1997.

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 16 percent from \$40,275 in 1992 to \$33,975 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	3,941	66	83	2,824	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,108	63	83	2,713	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,834	64	82	2,541	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	1,292	63	78	1,288	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	843	28	78	503	2,237
Nursery and greenhouse crops	441	56	82	1,388	2,790
Mink or their pelts	(D)	2	7	54	191
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	313	66	82	2,036	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	1	7	39	191
Cattle and calves sold	848	71	83	2,856	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	61	81	2,123	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	40	64	1,413	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	39	53	81	1,901	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Mink inventory	(D)	3	9	45	239
Cattle and calves inventory	2,630	64	83	2,776	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	291	67	81	2,089	3,002
Broiler inventory	270	42	78	1,184	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	203	65	83	2,575	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,866	66	83	2,158	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	927	55	77	1,101	2,473
Potatoes-acres	885	12	67	174	1,733
Oats-acres	716	45	83	806	2,332
All nursery-acres	436	53	82	600	2,619

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	67	55	22
\$10,000 or more	49	44	11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,506	3,382	4
Average per farmdollars..	30,221	34,515	-12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	435	619	-30
Average per farmdollars..	3,753	6,319	-41
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	98	85	15
Partnership or corporation	18	14	29
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	49	56	-13
Other	67	43	56
Operators by sex:			
Male	104	90	16
Female	12	9	33
Operators by race:			
White	116	99	17
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	52.8	55.2	-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.