

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 277,400 acres in 1992 to 276,833 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 304 acres in 1992 to 317 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 542 farms in 1992 to 479 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

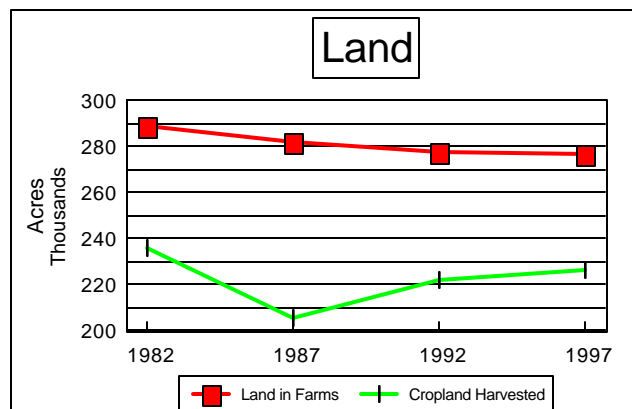
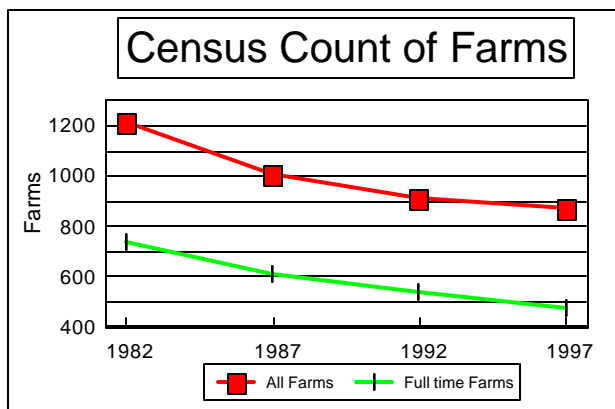
Increased 30 percent to \$102,439,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 36 percent from \$86,031 in 1992 to \$117,342 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	102,439	9	83	492	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	65,499	13	82	356	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	36,940	8	83	731	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	20,433	7	75	325	2,582
Dairy products	19,410	12	78	218	2,563
Soybeans	18,008	5	64	340	2,136
Cattle and calves	10,584	3	83	849	3,063
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	10,485	6	78	129	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	(D)	5	60	193	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	5	64	373	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	49,318	13	81	524	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	18,058	5	83	1,086	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	6	62	318	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	3	73	177	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	4	71	225	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	9	81	570	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	3	52	268	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	25,575	9	83	1,287	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	77,248	6	64	324	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	76,573	8	77	318	2,691
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	16,375	5	32	28	199
Hay crops-acres	13,640	36	83	1,393	3,061
Wheat-acres	11,907	16	76	702	2,612

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 .....	351	305	15
\$10,000 or more .....	522	609	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	77,585	60,069	29
Average per farm .....dollars..	88,871	65,721	35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	24,262	18,438	32
Average per farm .....dollars..	27,792	20,173	38
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	764	787	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	101	120	-16
Other .....	8	7	14
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	479	542	-12
Other .....	394	372	6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	851	887	-4
Female .....	22	27	-19
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	872	911	-4
Black and other races .....	1	3	-67
Average age of operator .....	51.5	50.0	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.