

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 246,403 acres in 1992 to 236,936 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 168 acres in 1992 to 177 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 757 farms in 1992 to 647 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

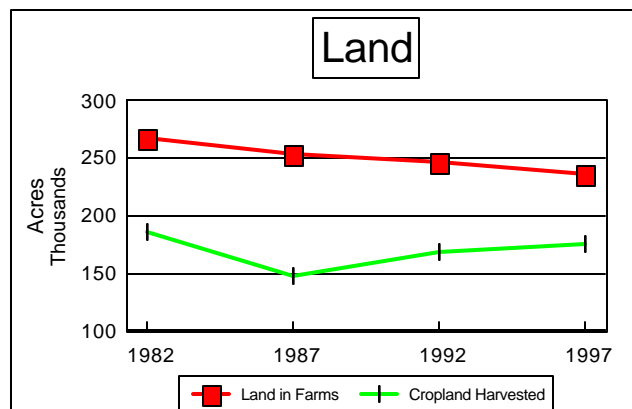
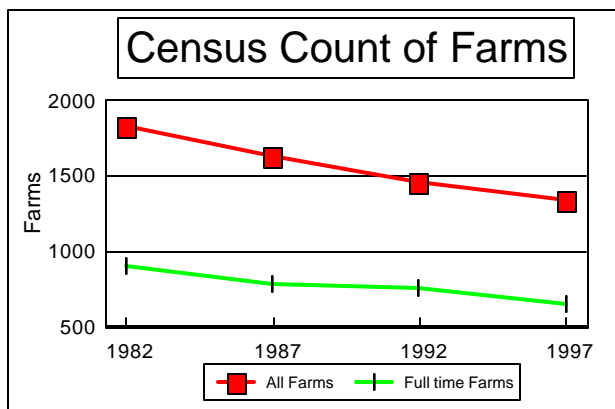
Increased 21 percent to \$186,757,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 33 percent from \$104,860 in 1992 to \$139,684 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	186,757	3	83	153	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	113,032	2	83	147	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	73,725	10	82	284	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	37,091	3	78	114	2,563
Hogs and pigs	34,358	1	81	83	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	32,253	2	80	190	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	27,892	5	82	70	2,790
Corn for grain	13,790	12	75	459	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	1,238,039	2	60	73	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	734,935	2	64	120	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	266,776	3	81	113	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	20,261	4	83	969	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	8	67	276	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,374,525	2	81	55	3,002
All turkeys inventory	506,069	2	73	62	2,361
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	283,800	2	52	50	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	121,752	2	80	118	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	41,416	3	83	786	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	71,499	10	77	346	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	33,913	22	64	645	2,144
Hay crops-acres	32,306	7	83	616	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	13,374	4	77	79	2,473
Wheat-acres	10,185	19	76	764	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 .....	626	684	-8
\$10,000 or more .....	711	785	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	154,725	126,332	22
Average per farm .....dollars..	115,899	86,057	35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	27,169	27,848	-2
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,352	18,970	7
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,137	1,251	-9
Partnership or corporation .....	195	210	-7
Other .....	5	8	-38
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	647	757	-15
Other .....	690	712	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,237	1,355	-9
Female .....	100	114	-12
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,323	1,457	-9
Black and other races .....	14	12	17
Average age of operator .....	52.2	50.4	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.