

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 231,557 acres in 1992 to 257,469 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 227 acres in 1992 to 208 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 523 farms in 1992 to 495 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

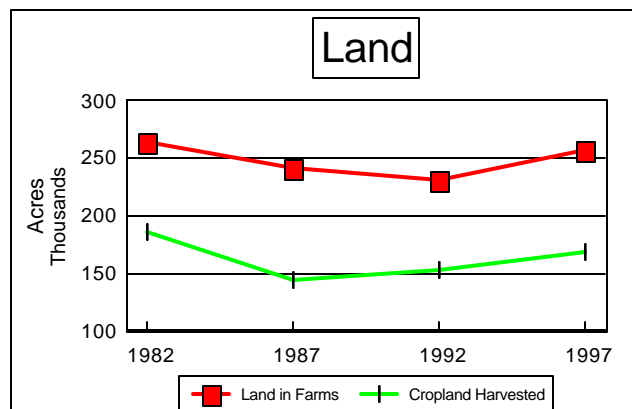
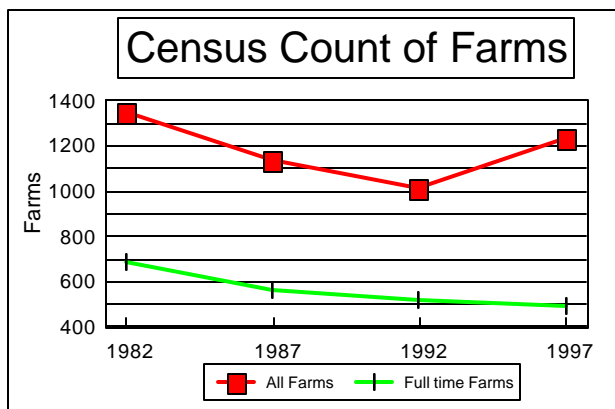
Increased 28 percent to \$71,729,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 5 percent from \$55,062 in 1992 to \$58,033 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	71,729	19	83	807	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	41,793	18	82	690	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	29,936	13	83	885	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	14,847	11	75	442	2,582
Dairy products	14,480	14	78	278	2,563
Soybeans	14,355	8	64	424	2,136
Hogs and pigs	9,156	7	81	356	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	12	82	278	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	78,030	9	81	392	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	8	64	589	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,980	16	83	1,612	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,982	19	67	604	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,158	19	66	912	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	6	81	518	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	36,181	9	80	404	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	5	71	299	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	21,633	16	83	1,462	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,627	12	80	515	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	67,985	11	77	381	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	62,120	9	64	426	2,144
Hay crops-acres	19,977	25	83	1,036	3,061
Wheat-acres	14,179	14	76	639	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	5,465	19	77	274	2,473

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 .....	714	486	47
\$10,000 or more .....	522	532	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	53,709	50,943	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	43,524	50,042	-13
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	15,293	5,676	169
Average per farm .....dollars..	12,393	5,576	122
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,120	894	25
Partnership or corporation .....	111	116	-4
Other .....	5	8	-38
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	495	523	-5
Other .....	741	495	50
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,158	958	21
Female .....	78	60	30
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,233	1,012	22
Black and other races .....	3	6	-50
Average age of operator .....	54.3	51.8	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.