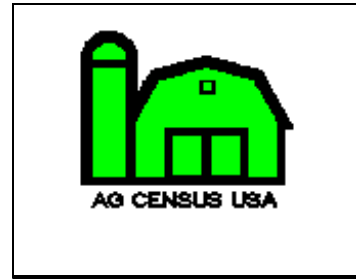


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### Land in farms

Decreased 21 percent from 29,161 acres in 1992 to 23,126 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 210 acres in 1992 to 181 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Unchanged from 43 farms in 1992 to 43 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

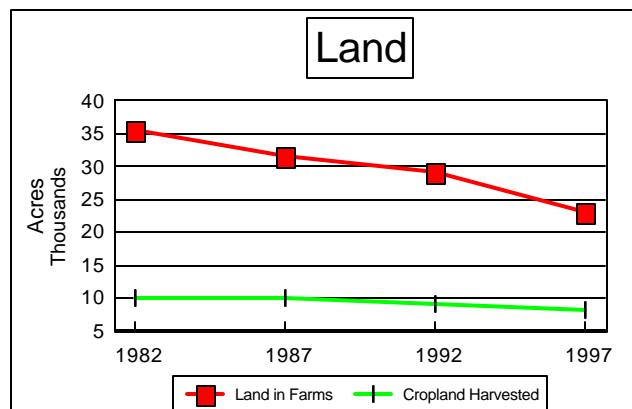
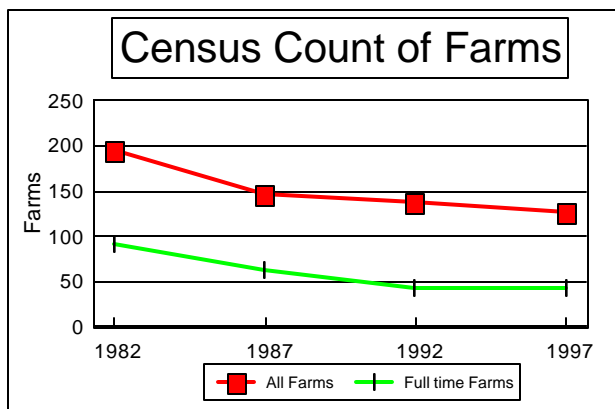
Decreased 13 percent to \$2,206,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 5 percent from \$18,190 in 1992 to \$17,238 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	2,206	72	83	2,930	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,531	68	83	2,804	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	676	73	82	2,812	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	1,131	64	78	1,349	2,563
Cattle and calves	280	75	83	2,874	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	218	70	82	2,293	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	209	68	82	1,748	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	116	44	80	870	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	13	64	931	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	721	76	83	2,888	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	106	42	67	1,344	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	85	62	79	2,068	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	44	58	66	1,579	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	11	81	838	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	2,123	70	83	2,823	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	238	42	80	1,465	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	233	62	83	2,465	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	116	60	79	2,103	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,630	59	83	1,946	3,061
Oats-acres	383	62	83	1,105	2,332
Barley-acres	146	27	69	783	1,411
Corn for silage-acres	125	72	77	1,959	2,473
All nursery-acres	74	76	82	1,345	2,619

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 .....	91	103	-12
\$10,000 or more .....	37	36	3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	2,251	1,941	16
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,587	14,065	25
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	234	262	-11
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,831	1,898	-4
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	114	122	-7
Partnership or corporation .....	14	17	-18
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	43	43	
Other .....	85	96	-11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	115	129	-11
Female .....	13	10	30
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	126	139	-9
Black and other races .....	2	-	
Average age of operator .....	50.3	50.5	-0

(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.