

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 254,793 acres in 1992 to 236,652 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 253 acres in 1992 to 236 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 535 farms in 1992 to 467 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

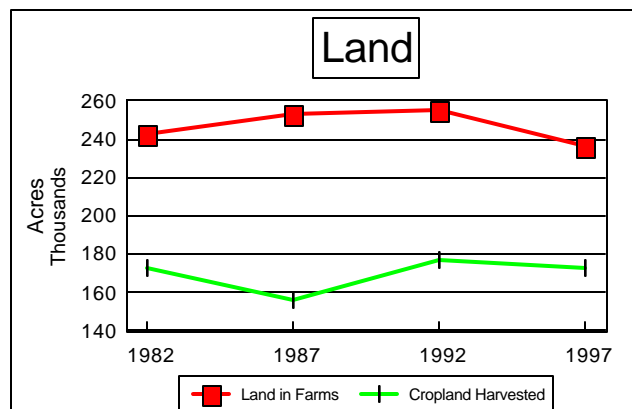
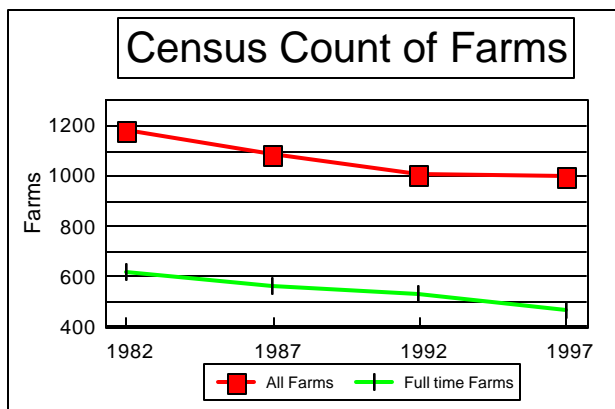
Increased 15 percent to \$87,194,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 15 percent from \$75,244 in 1992 to \$86,846 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                   | 87,194   | 14    | 83        | 633   | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 52,117   | 5     | 83        | 481   | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 35,077   | 23    | 82        | 820   | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Dairy products  | 24,752   | 6     | 78        | 177   | 2,563     |
| Poultry & poultry products                                  | (D)      | 3     | 80        | 349   | 2,901     |
| Corn for grain  | 12,919   | 14    | 75        | 479   | 2,582     |
| Soybeans  | 12,191   | 12    | 64        | 489   | 2,136     |
| Cattle and calves   | 6,667    | 11    | 83        | 1,238 | 3,063     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | (D)      | 3     | 64        | 161   | 2,203     |
| Turkeys sold  | (D)      | 4     | 60        | 190   | 1,353     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 36,929   | 14    | 81        | 630   | 2,976     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 13,029   | 10    | 83        | 1,365 | 3,063     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 880      | 23    | 79        | 878   | 2,765     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | (D)      | 3     | 81        | 98    | 3,002     |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory                  | (D)      | 3     | 71        | 100   | 2,549     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 32,661   | 6     | 83        | 1,042 | 3,064     |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | 19,484   | 16    | 80        | 602   | 3,005     |
| All turkeys inventory                                       | (D)      | 10    | 73        | 318   | 2,361     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 63,232   | 13    | 77        | 421   | 2,691     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 49,949   | 13    | 64        | 514   | 2,144     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 27,609   | 14    | 83        | 728   | 3,061     |
| Wheat-acres   | 20,852   | 7     | 76        | 522   | 2,612     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 10,286   | 8     | 77        | 120   | 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 .....                       | 483    | 437    | 11             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 521    | 570    | -9             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 75,257 | 66,749 | 13             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 74,808 | 66,351 | 13             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 11,447 | 8,789  | 30             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 11,379 | 8,737  | 30             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 898    | 878    | 2              |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 102    | 127    | -20            |
| Other .....                                    | 4      | 2      | 100            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 467    | 535    | -13            |
| Other .....                                    | 537    | 472    | 14             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 925    | 964    | -4             |
| Female .....                                   | 79     | 43     | 84             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 1,002  | 1,001  | 0              |
| Black and other races .....                    | 2      | 6      | -67            |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 52.2   | 50.8   | 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.