

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 20 percent from 29,763 acres in 1992 to 23,823 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 30 percent from 397 acres in 1992 to 277 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 16 percent from 32 farms in 1992 to 37 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

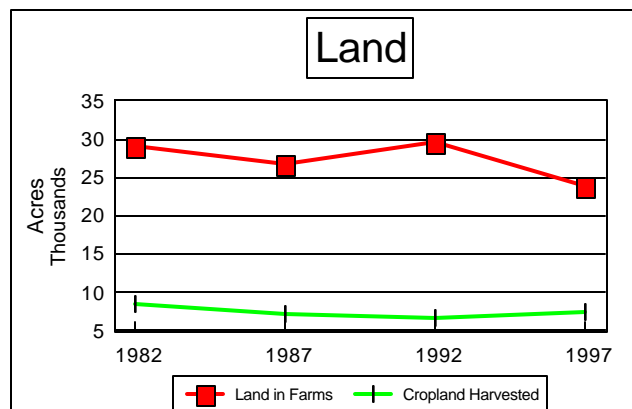
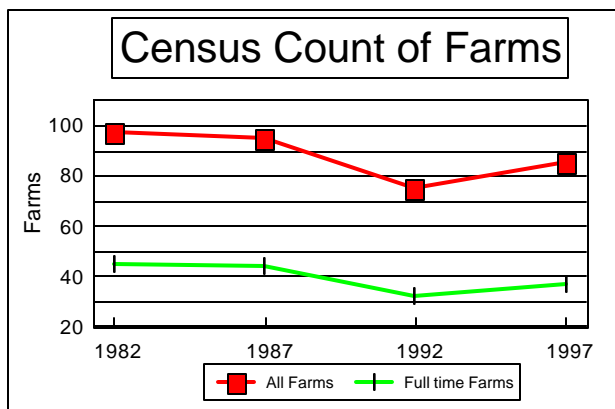
Decreased 13 percent to \$1,593,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 24 percent from \$24,429 in 1992 to \$18,525 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	1,593	77	83	2,969	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,037	71	82	2,721	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	556	78	83	2,947	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	719	30	78	527	2,237
Cattle and calves	356	71	83	2,835	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	77	78	2,123	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	145	73	82	2,520	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	52	80	1,090	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	963	67	83	2,825	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	58	79	1,865	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	37	74	81	2,773	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	44	62	1,120	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	16	71	81	2,555	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,038	72	83	2,833	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	201	72	81	2,303	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	150	70	83	2,720	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	58	79	2,026	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	59	70	80	2,636	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,081	63	83	2,142	3,061
Oats-acres	622	49	83	870	2,332
Potatoes-acres	440	22	67	248	1,733
Wheat-acres	(D)	63	76	2,260	2,612
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	122	1	11	132	208

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 .....	60	45	33
\$10,000 or more .....	26	30	-13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,458	1,851	-21
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,956	24,683	-31
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	135	(19)	811
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,568	(254)	717
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	79	67	18
Partnership or corporation .....	7	8	-13
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	37	32	16
Other .....	49	43	14
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	79	73	8
Female .....	7	2	250
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	86	75	15
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	54.6	51.9	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.