

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 154,482 acres in 1992 to 146,927 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 207 acres in 1992 to 211 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 370 farms in 1992 to 336 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

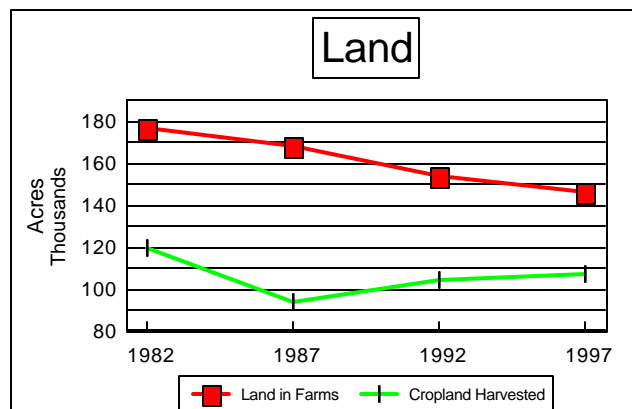
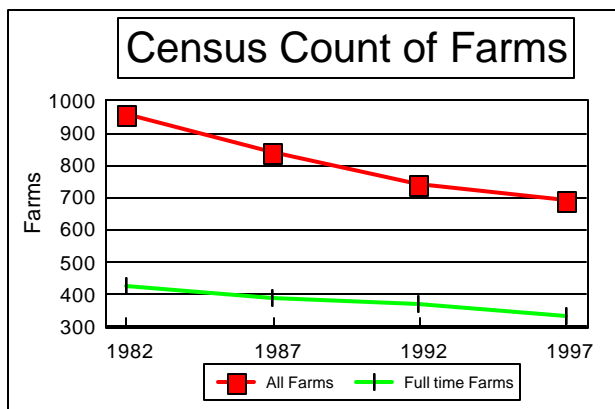
Increased 20 percent to \$105,494,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 29 percent from \$117,631 in 1992 to \$151,572 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	105,494	7	83	464	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	67,704	12	82	338	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	37,789	7	83	712	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	42,777	3	82	45	2,790
Corn for grain	11,374	19	75	518	2,582
Hogs and pigs	9,447	6	81	346	2,976
All other livestock & products	(D)	1	61	12	1,649
Dairy products	8,260	29	78	435	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	131,265	6	64	420	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	87,760	6	81	360	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	6,296	3	79	193	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	6,014	29	83	2,005	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	375	32	66	1,120	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	291,315	5	81	236	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	50,323	6	80	309	3,005
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	4	52	329	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	12,872	31	83	1,915	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	7,204	2	79	197	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	49,764	19	77	510	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	32,025	25	64	667	2,144
Hay crops-acres	10,797	49	83	1,636	3,061
Wheat-acres	7,422	25	76	887	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	3,925	27	77	389	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 .....	319	383	-17
\$10,000 or more .....	377	362	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	73,163	73,246	-0
Average per farm .....dollars..	105,119	98,317	7
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	30,526	14,667	108
Average per farm .....dollars..	43,859	19,687	123
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	578	630	-8
Partnership or corporation .....	112	111	1
Other .....	6	4	50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	336	370	-9
Other .....	360	375	-4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	641	676	-5
Female .....	55	69	-20
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	693	744	-7
Black and other races .....	3	1	200
Average age of operator .....	53.3	51.8	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.