

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 77,493 acres in 1992 to 78,047 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 204 acres in 1992 to 189 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 167 farms in 1992 to 172 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

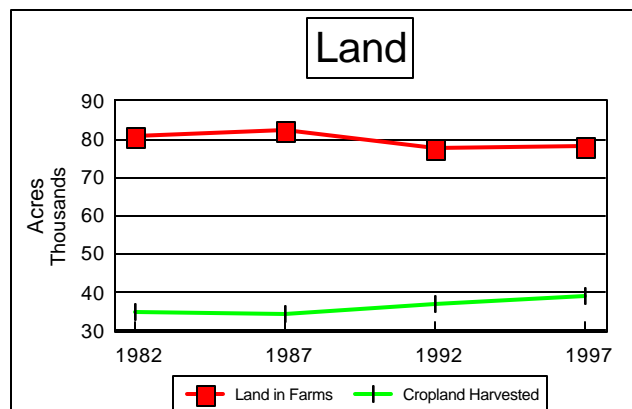
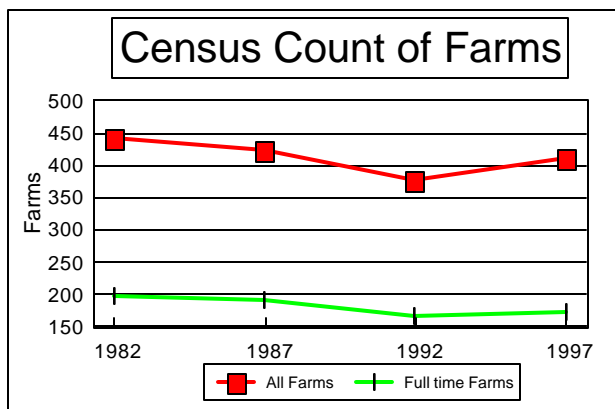
Increased 8 percent to \$11,156,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased slightly from \$27,267 in 1992 to \$27,078 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	11,156	53	83	2,450	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	6,757	43	83	2,159	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,399	52	82	2,188	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	4,857	38	78	651	2,563
Cattle and calves	1,650	42	83	2,284	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,195	28	82	762	3,043
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	970	13	75	304	1,971
Corn for grain	927	45	75	1,361	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	4,021	40	83	2,315	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,258	49	81	1,743	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	446	37	79	1,315	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	270	33	67	1,095	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	35	64	1,312	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,494	35	83	2,099	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	941	34	81	1,233	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	545	28	80	979	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	522	44	83	1,535	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	519	53	80	1,863	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	21,386	21	83	972	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	5,735	49	77	1,267	2,691
Oats-acres	4,247	3	83	149	2,332
Wheat-acres	2,160	39	76	1,401	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,147	36	77	653	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 .....	275	245	12
\$10,000 or more .....	137	134	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,838	7,468	32
Average per farm .....dollars..	23,937	19,757	21
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	190	196	-3
Average per farm .....dollars..	461	520	-11
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	387	360	8
Partnership or corporation .....	25	19	32
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	172	167	3
Other .....	240	212	13
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	388	352	10
Female .....	24	27	-11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	412	379	9
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	52.8	51.5	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.