

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 48,236 acres in 1992 to 45,366 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 96 acres in 1992 to 83 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 206 farms in 1992 to 189 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

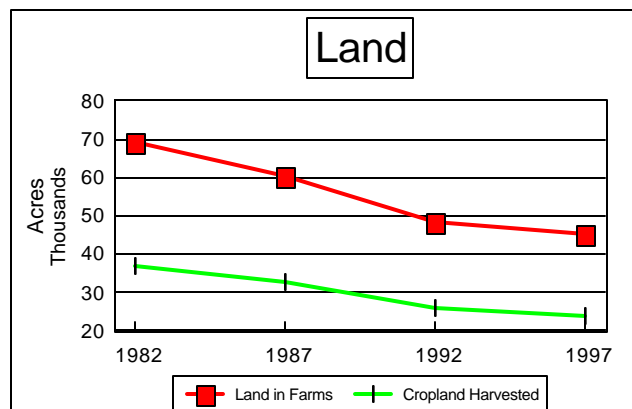
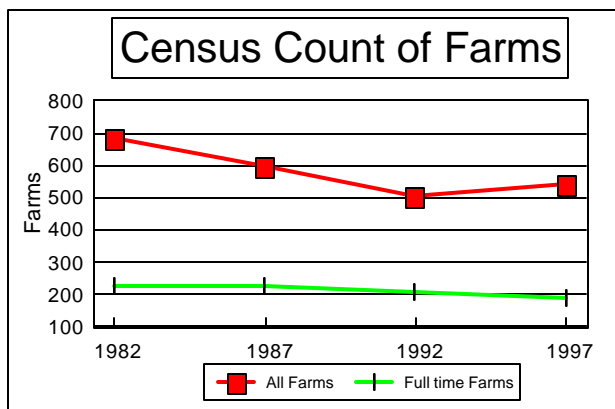
Increased 30 percent to \$32,452,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 20 percent from \$49,720 in 1992 to \$59,654 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	32,452	37	83	1,646	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	29,719	30	82	943	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,733	60	83	2,620	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	24,270	7	82	82	2,790
Corn for grain	1,584	42	75	1,189	2,582
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,171	22	80	292	2,547
Horses and ponies	1,055	2	81	97	3,015
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	917	39	82	1,016	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	12	67	356	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	1	62	159	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	1,007	52	81	1,812	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	913	69	83	2,840	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	650	29	79	1,088	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	6	80	203	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	3,033	1	83	79	3,066
Cattle and calves inventory	2,029	73	83	2,835	3,064
Rabbit inventory	(D)	1	75	47	2,456
Colony of bees inventory	1,130	24	75	434	2,588
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	8,293	56	83	1,879	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	7,073	43	77	1,193	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,432	38	64	1,236	2,144
Wheat-acres	2,500	37	76	1,341	2,612
All nursery-acres	1,126	24	82	268	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 .....	363	336	8
\$10,000 or more .....	181	167	8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	32,747	23,381	40
Average per farm .....dollars..	60,308	46,484	30
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,672	1,829	-9
Average per farm .....dollars..	3,080	3,636	-15
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	414	412	0
Partnership or corporation .....	124	88	41
Other .....	6	3	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	189	206	-8
Other .....	355	297	20
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	442	423	4
Female .....	102	80	28
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	536	499	7
Black and other races .....	8	4	100
Average age of operator .....	54.4	53.1	2

(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.