

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 176,305 acres in 1992 to 170,627 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 129 acres in 1992 to 132 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 724 farms in 1992 to 658 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

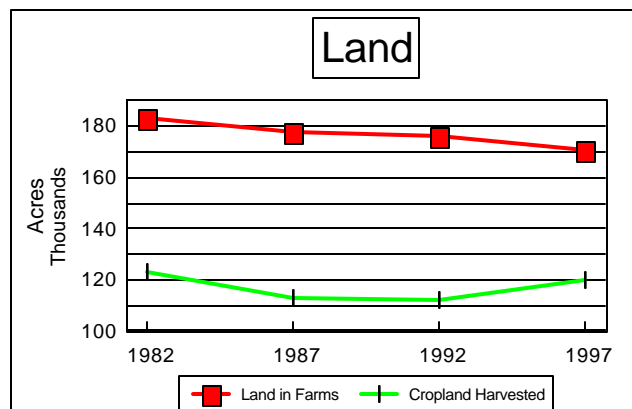
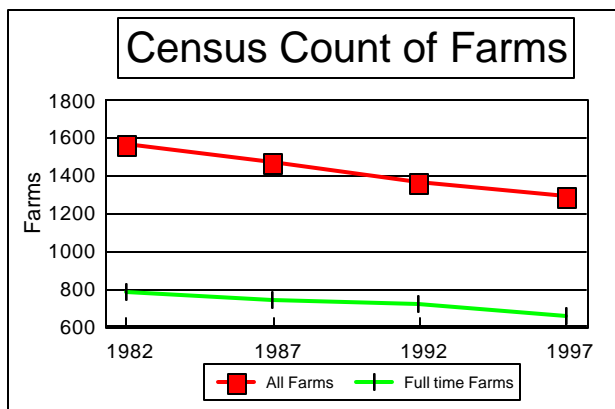
Increased 29 percent to \$299,985,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 36 percent from \$170,339 in 1992 to \$232,187 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	299,985	1	83	65	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	160,066	1	82	64	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	139,919	1	83	102	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	105,721	1	82	18	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	80,480	1	80	64	2,901
Fruits, nuts, berries	33,380	2	80	61	2,547
Dairy products	28,999	4	78	149	2,563
Hogs and pigs	18,467	4	81	191	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	3,953,098	1	60	18	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,353,858	1	64	17	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	162,430	4	81	216	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	46,743	2	83	331	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	33,671	2	67	141	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,671,021	1	81	41	3,002
All turkeys inventory	1,220,662	1	73	21	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	665,046	1	71	11	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	486,204	1	52	18	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	69,018	4	80	236	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	42,224	25	77	566	2,691
Hay crops-acres	29,015	12	83	698	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	11,475	5	77	98	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,232	36	64	1,018	2,144
All nursery-acres	8,243	1	82	12	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 .....	542	563	-4
\$10,000 or more .....	750	804	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	243,970	196,812	24
Average per farm .....dollars..	188,685	143,868	31
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	56,728	33,087	71
Average per farm .....dollars..	43,873	24,187	81
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,031	1,111	-7
Partnership or corporation .....	259	253	2
Other .....	2	3	-33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	658	724	-9
Other .....	634	643	-1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,217	1,299	-6
Female .....	75	68	10
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,284	1,361	-6
Black and other races .....	8	6	33
Average age of operator .....	51.8	49.2	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.