

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 318,125 acres in 1992 to 297,842 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 246 acres in 1992 to 256 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 724 farms in 1992 to 640 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

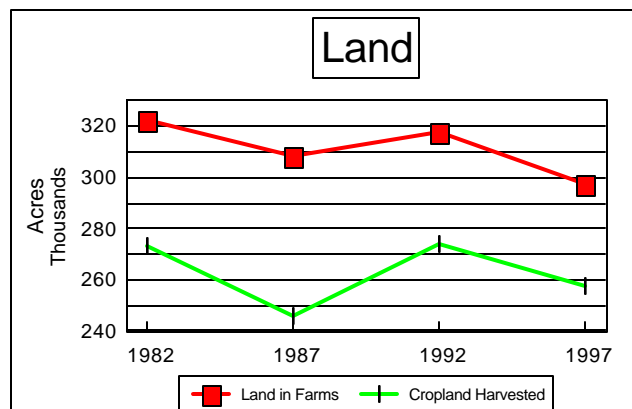
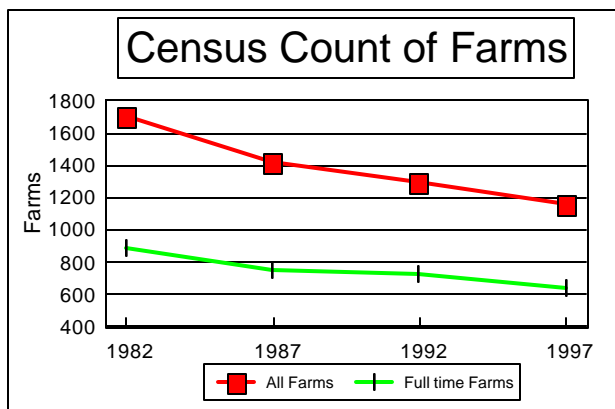
Increased 13 percent to \$84,034,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 25 percent from \$57,614 in 1992 to \$72,256 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	84,034	15	83	660	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	74,753	9	82	275	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,281	39	83	1,909	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	23,738	2	64	213	2,136
Corn for grain	21,317	4	75	304	2,582
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	12,783	5	78	107	2,237
Dairy products	5,468	36	78	597	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,976	20	82	392	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	7,097	34	81	1,113	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	4,239	39	83	2,286	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,790	13	66	840	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	358	43	79	1,430	2,765
Turkeys sold	226	27	60	533	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,659	39	83	2,267	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,277	34	80	1,070	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	1,224	21	75	413	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	901	32	83	855	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	723	41	81	1,394	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	110,723	2	64	159	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	82,406	6	77	289	2,691
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	18,234	4	32	24	199
Wheat-acres	17,280	11	76	580	2,612
Hay crops-acres	8,073	57	83	1,902	3,061

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	424	483	-12
\$10,000 or more	739	811	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	65,020	60,352	8
Average per farmdollars..	55,907	46,604	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	17,280	12,865	34
Average per farmdollars..	14,858	9,934	50
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,014	1,130	-10
Partnership or corporation	140	157	-11
Other	9	7	29
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	640	724	-12
Other	523	570	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,098	1,234	-11
Female	65	60	8
Operators by race:			
White	1,157	1,287	-10
Black and other races	6	7	-14
Average age of operator	53.0	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.