

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 38 percent from 31,427 acres in 1992 to 43,321 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 177 acres in 1992 to 173 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 30 percent from 79 farms in 1992 to 103 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

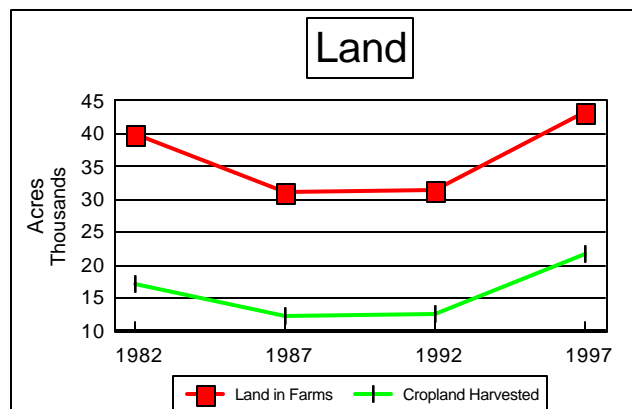
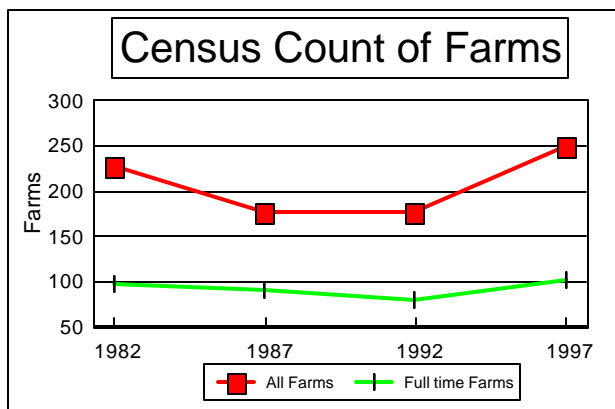
Increased 114 percent to \$8,690,000 in 1997.

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 52 percent from \$22,835 in 1992 to \$34,621 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	8,690	56	83	2,575	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	5,542	49	82	2,078	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,148	59	83	2,574	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,476	22	82	428	2,790
Dairy products	1,629	56	78	1,155	2,563
Cattle and calves	641	60	83	2,704	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	2	44	181	1,505
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	470	60	82	1,670	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	7	67	202	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	1,585	58	83	2,715	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	287	63	81	2,281	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	260	15	62	521	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	57	79	1,832	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,602	58	83	2,693	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	1,935	11	75	311	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	19	80	690	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	343	53	83	2,070	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	260	69	81	2,166	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	10,864	48	83	1,629	3,061
All nursery-acres	6,848	3	82	20	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	3,087	1	81	6	1,965
Corn for grain-acres	2,632	55	77	1,557	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	903	56	77	1,116	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 .....	170	132	29
\$10,000 or more .....	81	46	76
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,715	3,547	89
Average per farm .....dollars..	26,645	20,042	33
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,391	483	395
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,490	2,731	247
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	229	171	34
Partnership or corporation .....	16	7	129
Other .....	6	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	103	79	30
Other .....	148	99	49
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	224	170	32
Female .....	27	8	238
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	249	177	41
Black and other races .....	2	1	100
Average age of operator .....	55.4	54.6	1

(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.