

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 168,073 acres in 1992 to 163,523 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 299 acres in 1992 to 279 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 288 farms in 1992 to 236 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

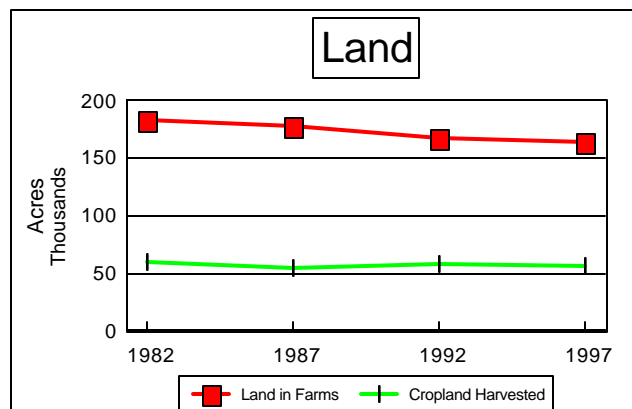
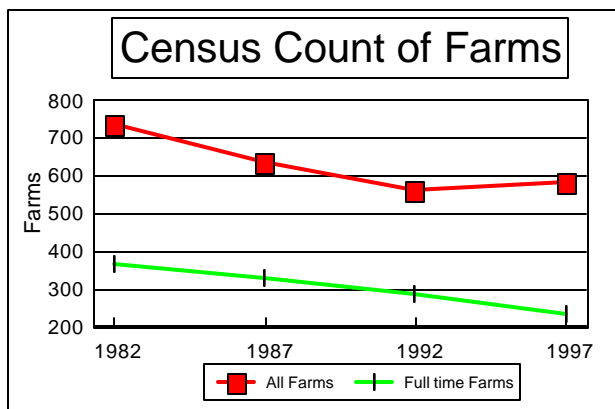
Decreased 9 percent to \$14,419,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 13 percent from \$28,082 in 1992 to \$24,563 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	14,419	78	87	2,328	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	9,205	68	87	1,915	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,213	78	87	2,105	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	3,390	35	87	675	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,936	65	87	1,866	3,063
Dairy products	2,731	66	84	918	2,563
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	2,044	10	76	213	1,971
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,440	18	80	828	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	399,005	23	69	136	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	41	74	776	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,947	62	87	1,894	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	31	78	753	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	543	65	86	1,187	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	31	86	726	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	14,215	59	87	1,841	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	16	53	326	1,790
Sheep and lamb inventory	743	65	86	1,157	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	520	43	87	1,537	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	48,286	14	87	291	3,061
Wild rice-acres	4,580	2	11	2	27
Oats-acres	974	71	87	661	2,332
Corn for grain-acres	912	79	85	1,892	2,691
All nursery-acres	817	10	77	367	2,619

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	407	367	11
\$10,000 or more	180	196	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,626	13,435	-13
Average per farmdollars..	19,806	23,863	-17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,392	2,999	-54
Average per farmdollars..	2,371	5,327	-55
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	544	521	4
Partnership or corporation	42	39	8
Other	1	3	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	236	288	-18
Other	351	275	28
Operators by sex:			
Male	541	519	4
Female	46	44	5
Operators by race:			
White	585	563	4
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	54.5	54.7	-0

(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.