

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 200,199 acres in 1992 to 191,847 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 336 acres in 1992 to 321 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 335 farms in 1992 to 293 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

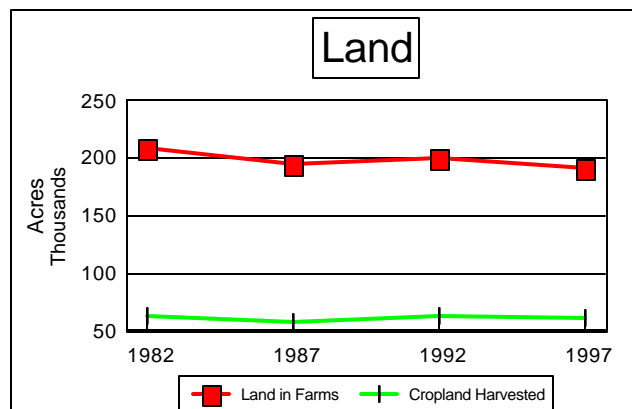
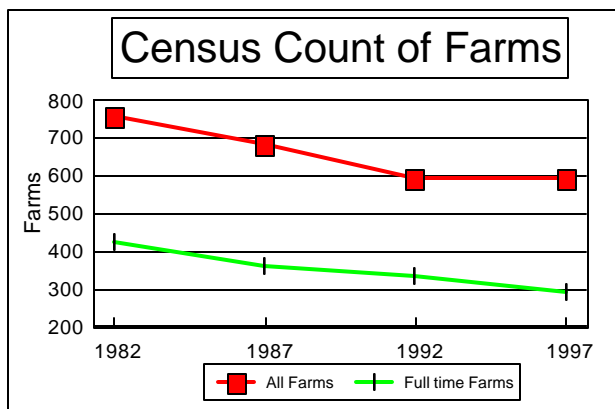
Increased 23 percent to \$20,639,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 23 percent from \$28,114 in 1992 to \$34,514 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	20,639	74	87	2,078	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,118	55	87	1,350	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,521	82	87	2,431	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	7,886	34	87	1,099	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	43	85	528	2,976
Dairy products	3,431	58	84	802	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	53	87	910	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,072	38	87	872	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	41	69	247	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	48	85	595	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	17,291	27	87	1,130	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	20	78	521	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	846	57	86	912	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	30	81	206	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	31,154	26	87	1,085	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	11,402	54	85	758	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,308	9	87	494	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	912	61	86	1,018	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	49,068	13	87	278	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	5,460	29	85	275	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	4,350	73	85	1,379	2,691
Wild rice-acres	(D)	5	11	8	27
Oats-acres	1,081	69	87	612	2,332

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	344	331	4
\$10,000 or more	254	264	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	15,844	13,873	14
Average per farmdollars..	26,495	23,277	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,602	3,111	48
Average per farmdollars..	7,695	5,220	47
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	559	557	0
Partnership or corporation	33	35	-6
Other	6	3	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	293	335	-13
Other	305	260	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	545	548	-1
Female	53	47	13
Operators by race:			
White	593	590	1
Black and other races	5	5	
Average age of operator	52.5	51.9	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.