

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 272,049 acres in 1992 to 298,173 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 279 acres in 1992 to 313 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 683 farms in 1992 to 587 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

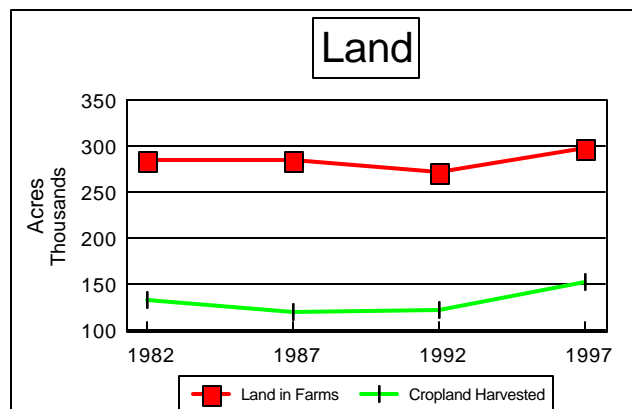
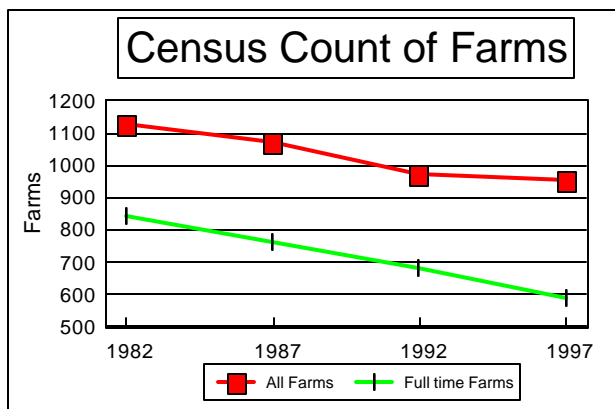
Decreased 3 percent to \$77,659,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 1 percent from \$82,510 in 1992 to \$81,404 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	77,659	50	87	729	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	48,058	35	87	542	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	29,601	55	87	946	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	22,241	13	84	189	2,563
Corn for grain	16,824	39	84	398	2,582
Cattle and calves	14,199	17	87	639	3,063
Soybeans	8,191	51	82	608	2,136
Hogs and pigs	7,410	37	85	413	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	27	69	154	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	15	79	625	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	72,279	37	85	414	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	26,015	15	87	752	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	42	74	782	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	21	81	131	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	53,653	9	87	543	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	36,230	36	85	401	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	32	86	736	3,002
Mink inventory	(D)	13	24	94	239
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	67,237	44	85	385	2,691
Hay crops-acres	44,752	16	87	340	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	32,398	53	82	663	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	6,599	21	85	218	2,473
Oats-acres	4,929	20	87	130	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	314	253	24
\$10,000 or more	640	721	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	57,480	65,178	-12
Average per farmdollars..	60,189	66,987	-10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	18,086	15,469	17
Average per farmdollars..	18,938	15,899	19
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	795	818	-3
Partnership or corporation	154	153	1
Other	5	3	67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	587	683	-14
Other	367	291	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	893	917	-3
Female	61	57	7
Operators by race:			
White	951	972	-2
Black and other races	3	2	50
Average age of operator	53.5	51.3	4

(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.