

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 205,031 acres in 1992 to 214,652 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 243 acres in 1992 to 245 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 552 farms in 1992 to 482 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

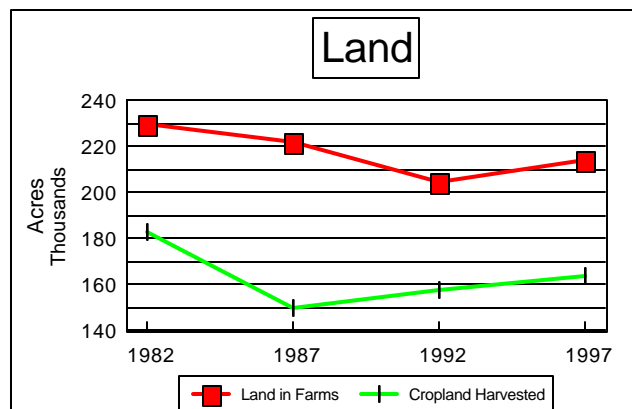
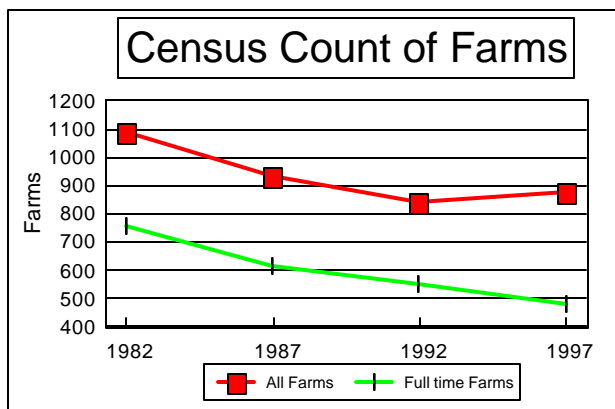
Increased 29 percent to \$84,524,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 25 percent from \$77,355 in 1992 to \$96,378 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	84,524	47	87	654	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	43,219	38	87	615	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	41,305	47	87	700	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	19,795	37	84	336	2,582
Hogs and pigs	19,590	27	85	181	2,976
Soybeans	18,647	36	82	327	2,136
Dairy products	11,740	29	84	325	2,563
Cattle and calves	9,641	27	87	919	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	163,528	36	69	213	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	159,300	29	85	223	2,976
Mink and their pelts sold	17,600	7	25	45	191
Cattle and calves sold	13,200	42	87	1,353	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,224	39	86	705	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	77,777	29	85	212	3,005
All turkeys inventory	59,520	31	81	207	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	21,755	45	87	1,459	3,064
Mink inventory	7,450	7	24	42	239
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,491	37	86	694	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	73,481	38	85	336	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	72,608	42	82	351	2,144
Hay crops-acres	10,144	63	87	1,706	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,285	43	85	454	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	3,105	21	84	203	2,741

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 .....	354	240	48
\$10,000 or more .....	523	605	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	65,829	55,443	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	74,977	65,690	14
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	15,506	10,286	51
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,661	12,187	45
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	775	749	3
Partnership or corporation .....	98	92	7
Other .....	4	4	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	482	552	-13
Other .....	395	293	35
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	832	822	1
Female .....	45	23	96
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	876	843	4
Black and other races .....	1	2	-50
Average age of operator .....	52.3	48.9	7

(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.