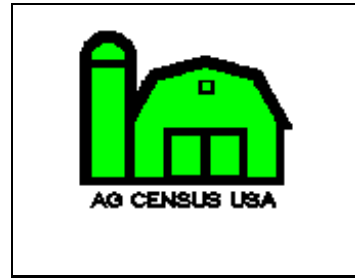


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Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 416,570 acres in 1992 to 390,286 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 347 acres in 1992 to 382 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 984 farms in 1992 to 760 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

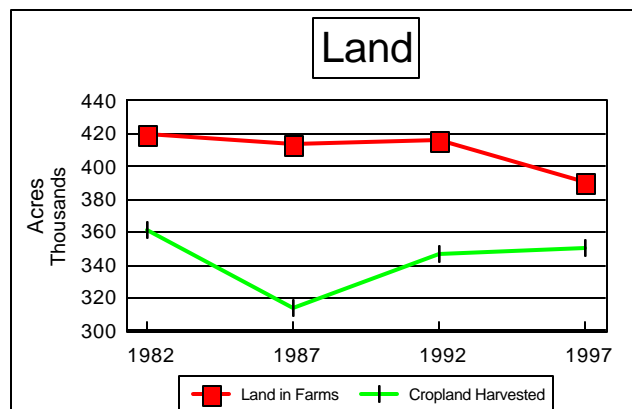
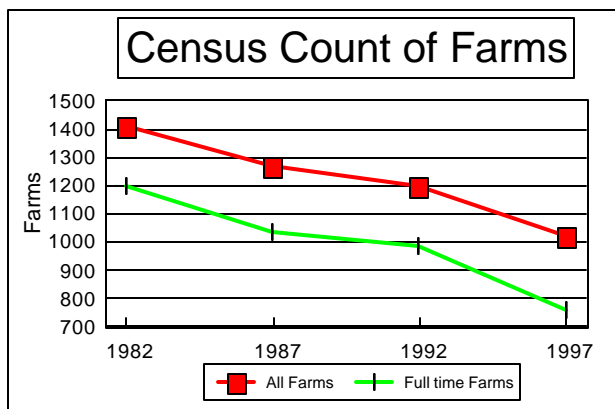
Increased 27 percent to \$158,548,000 in 1997.

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 49 percent from \$104,253 in 1992 to \$155,287 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	158,548	16	87	216	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	81,583	17	87	264	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	76,965	18	87	258	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	46,565	10	85	49	2,976
Soybeans	40,721	8	82	43	2,136
Corn for grain	34,977	14	84	143	2,582
Cattle and calves	27,860	4	87	263	3,063
Dairy products	6,232	38	84	543	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	422,371	9	85	58	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	41,351	5	87	396	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	35	74	674	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	2,937	14	86	349	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	173	49	78	1,206	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	224,050	6	85	42	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	45,779	11	87	684	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	28	86	621	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,127	9	86	373	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	32	76	534	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	172,116	5	82	25	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	166,327	8	85	49	2,691
Hay crops-acres	8,378	68	87	1,868	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	5,854	24	85	249	2,473
Oats-acres	1,998	45	87	366	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	111	143	-22
\$10,000 or more	910	1,056	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	124,376	98,878	26
Average per farmdollars..	121,818	82,536	48
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	31,967	26,717	20
Average per farmdollars..	31,310	22,301	40
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	917	1,075	-15
Partnership or corporation	98	120	-18
Other	6	4	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	760	984	-23
Other	261	215	21
Operators by sex:			
Male	995	1,169	-15
Female	26	30	-13
Operators by race:			
White	1,020	1,199	-15
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	49.6	47.8	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.