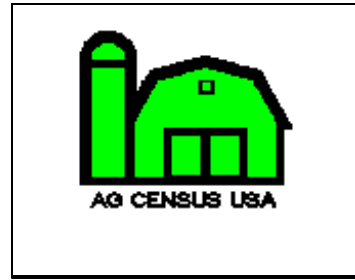


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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 252,658 acres in 1992 to 243,525 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 325 acres in 1992 to 353 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 590 farms in 1992 to 496 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

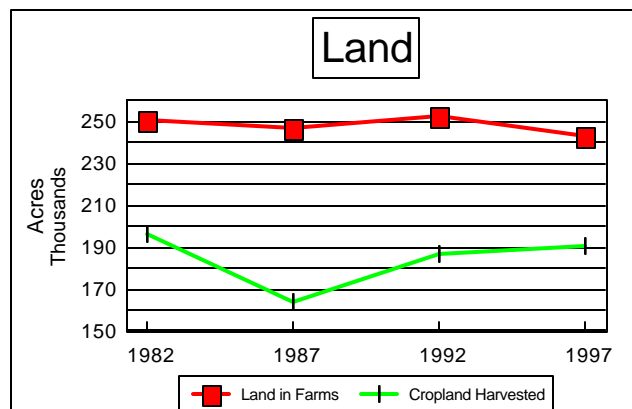
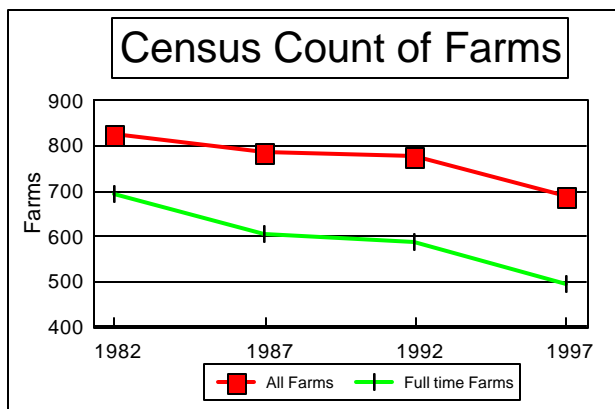
Increased 102 percent to \$118,444,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 128 percent from \$75,404 in 1992 to \$171,658 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	118,444	31	87	384	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	83,355	16	87	257	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	35,090	49	87	819	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	57,697	6	85	37	2,976
Soybeans	17,198	41	82	361	2,136
Corn for grain	16,630	41	84	406	2,582
Cattle and calves	14,100	18	87	647	3,063
Dairy products	10,187	32	84	373	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	448,867	8	85	50	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold (D)		14	79	615	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	22,778	19	87	861	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	10,596	3	86	122	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	414	36	78	983	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	166,604	13	85	73	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	39,955	16	87	824	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	6,817	4	86	212	2,864
Broiler inventory (D)		26	85	772	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	260	67	87	2,357	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	86,073	36	82	279	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	85,114	35	85	277	2,691
Hay crops-acres	15,374	47	87	1,287	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	6,932	17	85	201	2,473
Oats-acres	2,844	33	87	241	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	117	135	-13
\$10,000 or more	573	643	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	85,359	47,829	78
Average per farmdollars..	123,709	61,477	101
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	32,389	10,620	205
Average per farmdollars..	46,941	13,650	244
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	614	715	-14
Partnership or corporation	70	57	23
Other	6	6	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	496	590	-16
Other	194	188	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	666	757	-12
Female	24	21	14
Operators by race:			
White	690	777	-11
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	47.9	47.8	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.