

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 153,188 acres in 1992 to 155,452 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 226 acres in 1992 to 218 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 250 farms in 1992 to 226 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

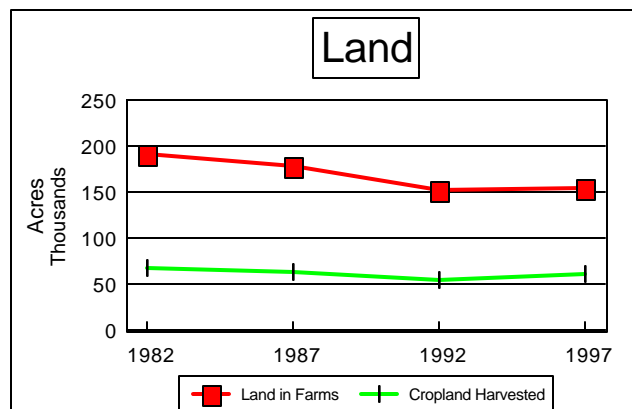
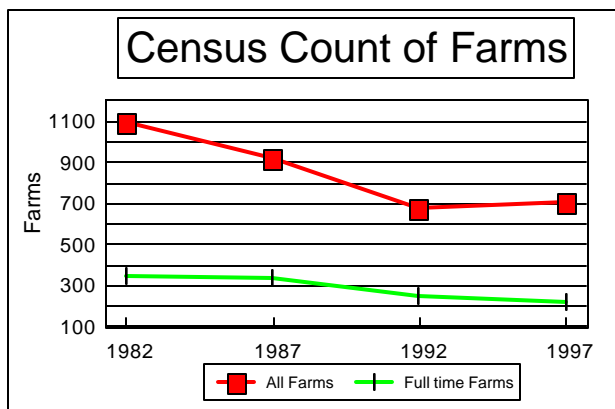
Decreased 27 percent to \$9,679,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 31 percent from \$19,670 in 1992 to \$13,575 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	9,679	80	87	2,519	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,933	79	87	2,130	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,746	80	87	2,383	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,746	12	80	589	2,790
Dairy products	2,200	72	84	1,008	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,078	75	87	2,135	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,651	22	87	503	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	152	13	79	780	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	8,822	12	78	303	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	7,137	24	79	723	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	5,380	71	87	2,111	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,506	76	85	1,665	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	935	48	86	846	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	11,308	68	87	2,030	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,896	42	86	972	3,002
Broiler inventory	1,695	20	85	720	2,620
Horse and pony inventory	1,235	11	87	542	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,209	12	86	615	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	58,343	7	87	198	3,061
Oats-acres	3,037	30	87	226	2,332
All nursery-acres	1,383	8	77	210	2,619
Barley-acres	493	39	85	496	1,411
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	83	85	1,530	2,473

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 .....	561	498	13
\$10,000 or more .....	152	179	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	7,333	12,863	-43
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,285	19,029	-46
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,622	(221)	834
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,274	(327)	795
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	653	622	5
Partnership or corporation .....	58	53	9
Other .....	2	2	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	226	250	-10
Other .....	487	427	14
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	635	608	4
Female .....	78	69	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	712	675	5
Black and other races .....	1	2	-50
Average age of operator .....	52.9	52.0	2

(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.