

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 237,239 acres in 1992 to 235,351 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 313 acres in 1992 to 332 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 523 farms in 1992 to 453 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

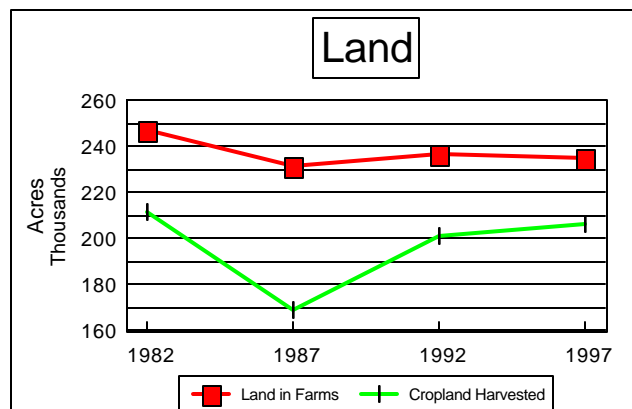
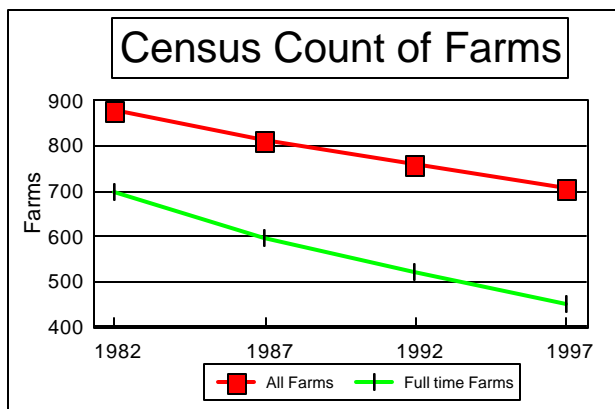
Increased 74 percent to \$118,269,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 86 percent from \$89,600 in 1992 to \$166,811 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	118,269	32	87	385	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	60,554	31	87	414	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	57,714	29	87	416	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	33,009	18	85	88	2,976
Corn for grain	31,979	19	84	167	2,582
Soybeans	23,701	26	82	214	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	13,211	14	87	371	2,901
Dairy products	7,475	35	84	471	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	1,266,602	11	69	72	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	302,518	18	85	95	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	78	65	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	38	74	716	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,935	63	87	1,896	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	9	81	60	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	149,158	16	85	86	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	29	86	666	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	13,810	62	87	1,860	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,106	21	86	518	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	103,034	27	85	200	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	90,022	31	82	257	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	7,125	12	84	97	2,741
Hay crops-acres	6,354	75	87	2,105	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,252	72	85	923	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 .....	135	133	2
\$10,000 or more .....	574	626	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	90,191	55,791	62
Average per farm .....dollars..	127,209	73,506	73
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	27,952	12,583	122
Average per farm .....dollars..	39,425	16,578	138
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	631	658	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	75	97	-23
Other .....	3	4	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	453	523	-13
Other .....	256	236	8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	690	737	-6
Female .....	19	22	-14
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	709	759	-7
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	49.5	48.7	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.