

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 100,774 acres in 1992 to 89,935 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 156 acres in 1992 to 138 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 270 farms in 1992 to 285 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

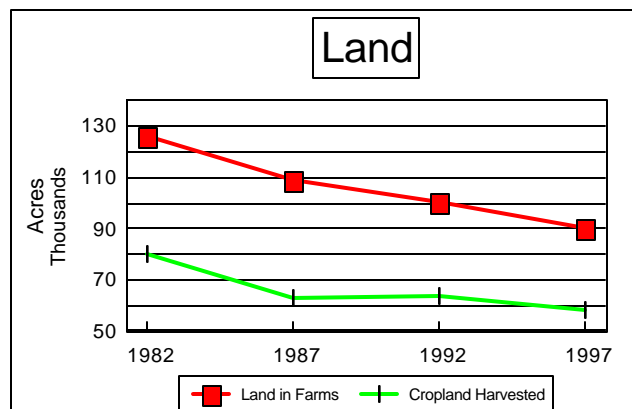
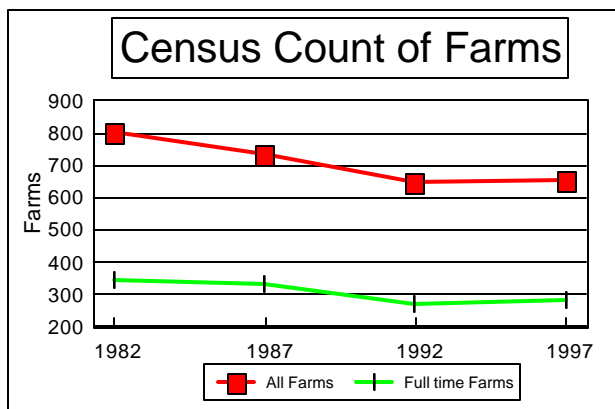
Increased 19 percent to \$57,258,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$74,415 in 1992 to \$87,685 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	57,258	57	87	1,042	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	50,003	40	87	551	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,255	71	87	2,110	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	35,360	1	80	56	2,790
Corn for grain	7,165	55	84	679	2,582
Soybeans	3,702	58	82	811	2,136
Cattle and calves	2,529	71	87	1,985	3,063
Dairy products	2,409	70	84	974	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	52,654	5	78	105	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	7,361	23	79	719	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	4,238	76	87	2,287	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	50	69	416	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	3,360	70	85	1,374	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	9,495	3	86	161	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	7,023	79	87	2,402	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,054	70	85	1,337	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,996	1	87	216	3,066
Broiler inventory	1,579	21	85	727	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	23,467	59	85	759	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	16,102	60	82	857	2,144
Hay crops-acres	12,616	55	87	1,454	3,061
All nursery-acres	3,223	3	77	67	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,334	27	84	378	2,741

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	383	378	1
\$10,000 or more	270	269	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	41,771	37,271	12
Average per farmdollars..	63,968	57,695	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,163	11,680	21
Average per farmdollars..	21,689	18,080	20
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	557	562	-1
Partnership or corporation	94	82	15
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	285	270	6
Other	368	377	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	572	580	-1
Female	81	67	21
Operators by race:			
White	649	647	0
Black and other races	4	-	
Average age of operator	54.8	52.9	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.