

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 249,731 acres in 1992 to 255,994 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 377 acres in 1992 to 444 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 508 farms in 1992 to 432 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

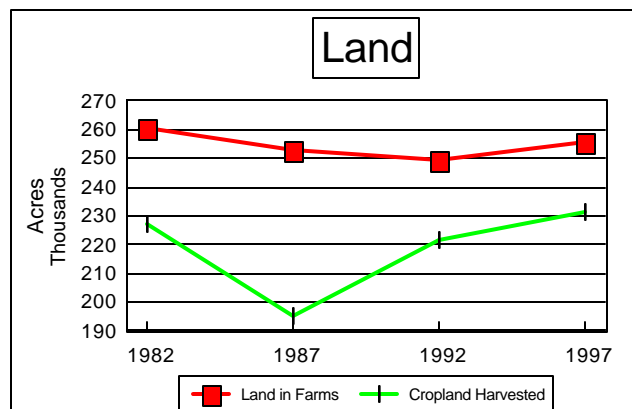
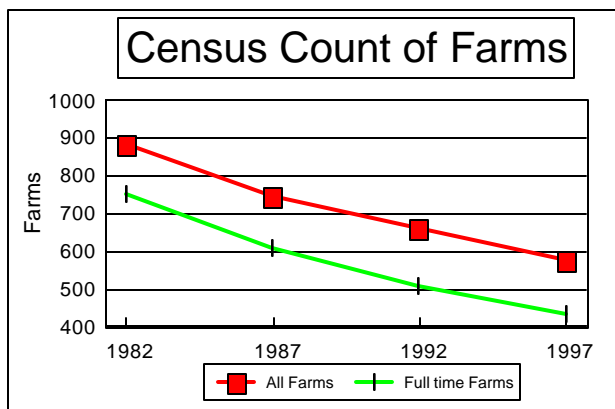
Increased 59 percent to \$120,131,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 83 percent from \$113,749 in 1992 to \$208,562 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	120,131	29	87	377	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	65,224	26	87	357	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	54,908	32	87	446	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	45,187	13	85	56	2,976
Corn for grain	34,140	16	84	151	2,582
Soybeans	30,160	17	82	129	2,136
Cattle and calves	6,862	40	87	1,207	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	51	87	896	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	395,276	12	85	66	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	38	69	240	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	39	74	724	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	8,745	58	87	1,720	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	829	58	86	920	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	142,713	17	85	92	3,005
All turkeys inventory	(D)	37	81	237	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	9,383	73	87	2,203	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	38	86	936	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	21	76	300	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	113,938	23	82	143	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	113,348	24	85	173	2,691
Hay crops-acres	2,085	84	87	2,701	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,172	30	84	409	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	1,011	74	85	1,049	2,473

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	67	68	-1
\$10,000 or more	509	595	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	77,425	63,037	23
Average per farmdollars..	134,418	95,078	41
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	38,023	11,967	218
Average per farmdollars..	66,013	18,050	266
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	507	594	-15
Partnership or corporation	65	68	-4
Other	4	1	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	432	508	-15
Other	144	155	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	564	652	-13
Female	12	11	9
Operators by race:			
White	576	663	-13
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	50.4	49.0	3

(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.