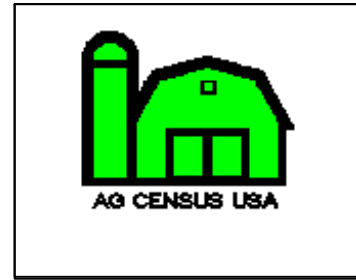


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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 10,188,362 acres in 1992 to 10,124,822 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 318 acres in 1992 to 323 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 14,463 farms in 1992 to 12,753 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

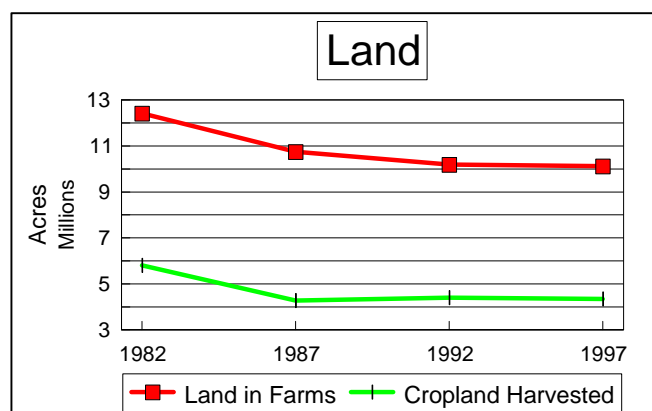
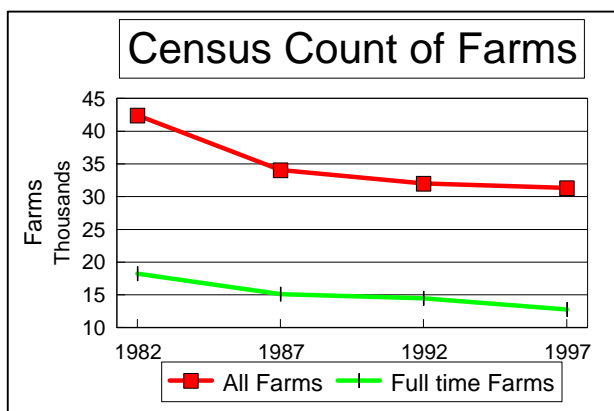
Increased 34 percent to \$3,127,383,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 37 percent from \$73,028 in 1992 to \$99,859 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,127,383	23	50
Value of livestock and poultry	1,836,018	20	50
Value of crops including nursery	1,291,365	25	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Poultry & poultry products	1,187,371	5	50
Cotton, cottonseed	551,014	4	18
Soybeans	396,245	11	40
Aquaculture	261,414	1	50
Cattle and calves	214,842	33	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	554,915,961	5	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	7,359,686	14	50
Hogs and pigs sold	756,595	20	50
Cattle and calves sold	590,771	32	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	312,988	18	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	94,551,890	5	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	5,328,691	15	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	1,440,724	13	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	1,209,291	12	50
Cattle and calves inventory	1,127,442	30	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,964,202	11	42
Cotton-acres	966,443	4	18
Hay crops-acres	648,809	30	50
Corn for grain-acres	405,393	22	48
Rice-acres	234,244	5	9

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	20,852	20,326	3
\$10,000 or more	10,466	11,672	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,458,575	1,954,337	26
Average per farmdollars..	78,534	61,067	29
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	558,443	319,662	75
Average per farmdollars..	17,835	9,989	79
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	27,452	28,263	-3
Partnership or corporation	3,670	3,604	2
Other	196	131	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	12,753	14,463	-12
Other	18,565	17,535	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	28,438	29,479	-4
Female	2,880	2,519	14
Operators by race:			
White	29,094	29,475	-1
Black and other races	2,224	2,523	-12
Average age of operator	55.6	55.3	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.