

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 126,613 acres in 1992 to 120,681 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 258 acres in 1992 to 237 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 220 farms in 1992 to 197 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

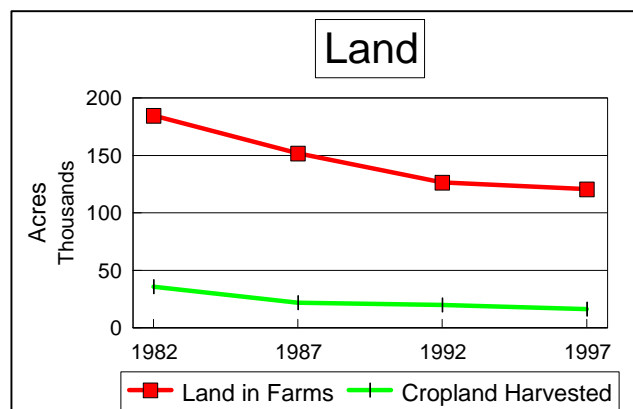
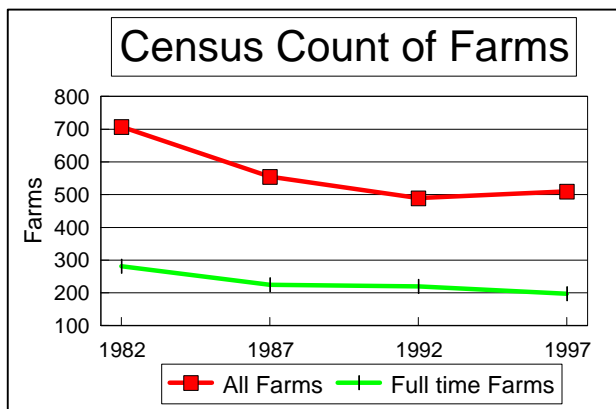
Increased 64 percent to \$45,263,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 58 percent from \$56,322 in 1992 to \$88,751 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	45,263	25	82	1,304	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	42,874	14	82	619	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,390	50	82	2,448	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	34,050	11	72	183	2,901
Cattle and calves	4,695	9	82	1,498	3,063
Dairy products	2,181	11	55	1,012	2,563
Hogs and pigs	(D)	7	74	825	2,976
Cotton, cottonseed	1,107	36	61	376	709
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	12,773,537	12	45	155	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	8	74	891	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	13,894	7	82	1,305	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	43	75	1,529	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	40	33	78	1,871	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	1,415,962	18	61	201	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	23,144	11	82	1,391	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	11	77	971	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	476	23	82	1,663	3,066
All goat inventory	384	18	81	626	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	11,476	20	82	1,570	3,061
Cotton-acres	2,044	41	61	419	713
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	48	82	1,755	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	806	57	76	1,621	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	20	63	1,432	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 .....	370	338	9
\$10,000 or more .....	140	152	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	37,909	24,094	57
Average per farm .....dollars..	74,478	49,171	51
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,771	3,531	92
Average per farm .....dollars..	13,303	7,207	85
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	469	454	3
Partnership or corporation .....	36	35	3
Other .....	5	1	400
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	197	220	-10
Other .....	313	270	16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	463	448	3
Female .....	47	42	12
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	472	456	4
Black and other races .....	38	34	12
Average age of operator .....	57.4	57.8	-1

(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.