

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 139,591 acres in 1992 to 149,312 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 286 acres in 1992 to 320 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 174 farms in 1992 to 152 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

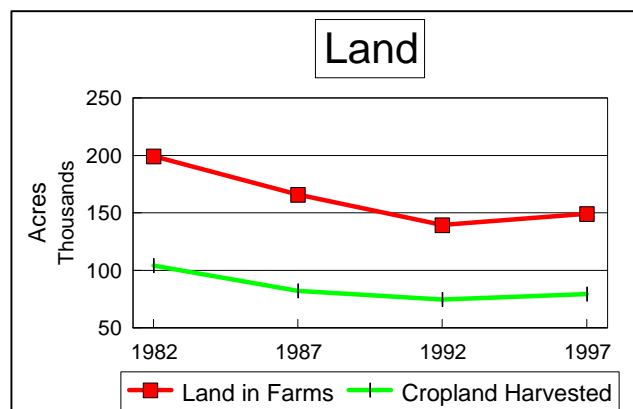
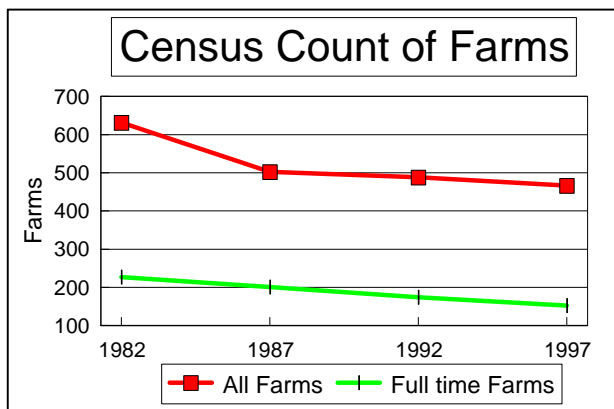
Increased 11 percent to \$26,937,000 in 1997.

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 16 percent from \$49,539 in 1992 to \$57,680 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	26,937	37	82	1,855	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	23,561	15	82	1,129	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,376	58	82	2,536	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	9,132	13	76	572	2,136
Cotton, cottonseed	7,002	18	61	191	709
Corn for grain	4,176	11	81	864	2,582
Cattle and calves	2,632	32	82	1,948	3,063
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,680	12	24	234	1,971
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	7,143	35	82	1,873	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	40	74	2,251	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	101	9	78	911	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	79	11	53	2,090	2,765
All goats sold	38	46	75	1,616	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,429	39	82	1,880	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,403	1	82	433	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	856	34	78	1,284	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	613	28	76	921	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	36	77	2,069	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	40,570	15	76	588	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	13,232	11	82	967	2,691
Cotton-acres	11,785	20	61	244	713
Hay crops-acres	11,128	22	82	1,602	3,061
Rice-acres	2,650	12	21	95	153

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 .....	360	343	5
\$10,000 or more .....	107	145	-26
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	20,457	21,018	-3
Average per farm .....dollars..	43,806	43,070	2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,430	4,560	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,628	9,344	24
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	412	432	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	54	56	-4
Other .....	1	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	152	174	-13
Other .....	315	314	0
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	424	445	-5
Female .....	43	43	
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	430	456	-6
Black and other races .....	37	32	16
Average age of operator .....	55.7	54.8	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.