

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 27 percent from 32,666 acres in 1992 to 41,544 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 33 percent from 147 acres in 1992 to 196 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 84 farms in 1992 to 64 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

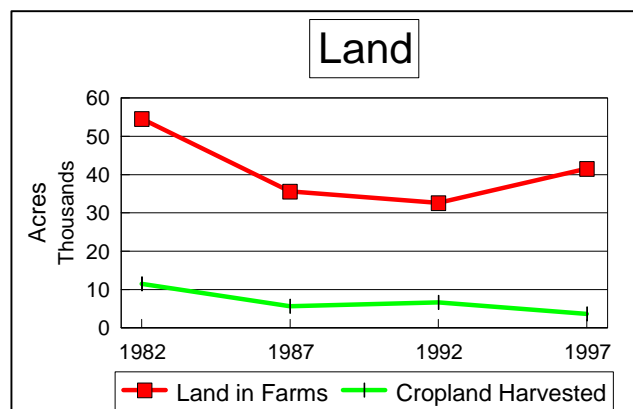
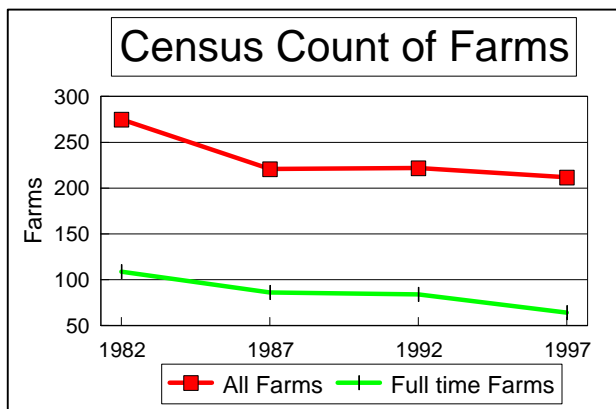
Decreased 8 percent to \$4,152,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 4 percent from \$20,406 in 1992 to \$19,587 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	4,152	78	82	2,811	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,361	70	82	2,670	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,792	54	82	2,550	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,570	6	71	791	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,025	66	82	2,528	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	35	72	997	2,901
Dairy products	333	36	55	1,920	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	97	18	77	1,389	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	33	45	522	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	3,771	59	82	2,355	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	3	25	93	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	24	50	898	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	5	53	1,668	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	34	61	561	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	8,346	58	82	2,296	3,064
Rabbit inventory	(D)	2	46	88	2,456
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	29	76	953	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	382	38	78	1,900	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	2,637	69	82	2,619	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	314	68	82	2,173	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	296	13	82	624	2,693
All nursery-acres	(D)	13	68	917	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	175	14	77	1,007	2,741

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 .....	170	165	3
\$10,000 or more .....	42	57	-26
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	4,278	3,484	23
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,274	15,622	30
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(96)	247	-139
Average per farm .....dollars..	(454)	1,108	-141
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	194	211	-8
Partnership or corporation .....	13	11	18
Other .....	5	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	64	84	-24
Other .....	148	138	7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	184	197	-7
Female .....	28	25	12
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	207	219	-5
Black and other races .....	5	3	67
Average age of operator .....	55.6	55.9	-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.