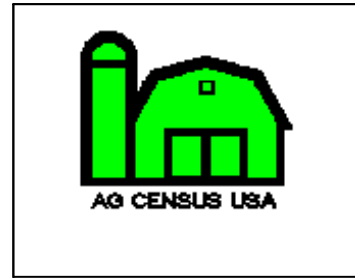


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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 100,433 acres in 1992 to 102,243 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 186 acres in 1992 to 186 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 195 farms in 1992 to 159 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

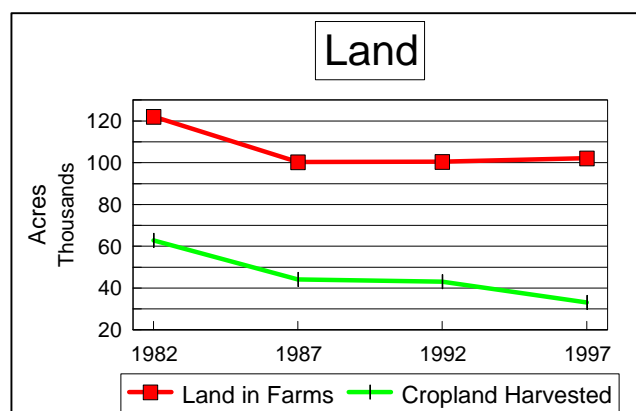
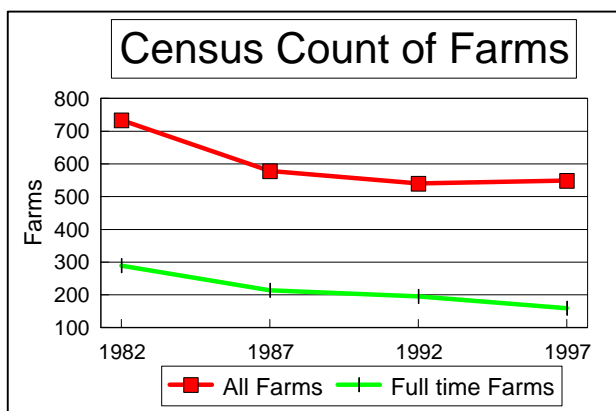
Decreased 12 percent to \$9,866,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 13 percent from \$20,686 in 1992 to \$17,971 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	9,866	55	82	2,507	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,331	48	82	2,318	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,535	40	82	2,174	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	3,025	28	82	1,841	3,063
Soybeans	2,872	27	76	894	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	1,994	32	72	799	2,901
Corn for grain	742	34	81	1,432	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	687	46	61	436	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	29	45	446	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	27	46	738	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	8,542	28	82	1,742	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	18	50	758	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	74	17	78	1,244	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	28	61	446	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	27	78	703	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	12,822	43	82	1,920	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	9	76	384	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	531	19	82	1,518	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	19,441	23	76	798	2,144
Hay crops-acres	8,712	37	82	1,836	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,262	36	82	1,490	2,691
Cotton-acres	1,942	42	61	422	713
Corn for silage-acres	315	25	63	1,650	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	443	396	12
\$10,000 or more	106	144	-26
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	7,757	9,180	-16
Average per farmdollars..	14,129	17,032	-17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	285	1,057	-73
Average per farmdollars..	518	1,960	-74
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	503	496	1
Partnership or corporation	44	42	5
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	159	195	-18
Other	390	345	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	514	513	0
Female	35	27	30
Operators by race:			
White	536	529	1
Black and other races	13	11	18
Average age of operator	55.6	54.3	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.