

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



ST LOUIS MISSOURI

Land in farms

Decreased 17 percent from 54,082 acres in 1992 to 45,019 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 15 percent from 183 acres in 1992 to 155 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 133 farms in 1992 to 118 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

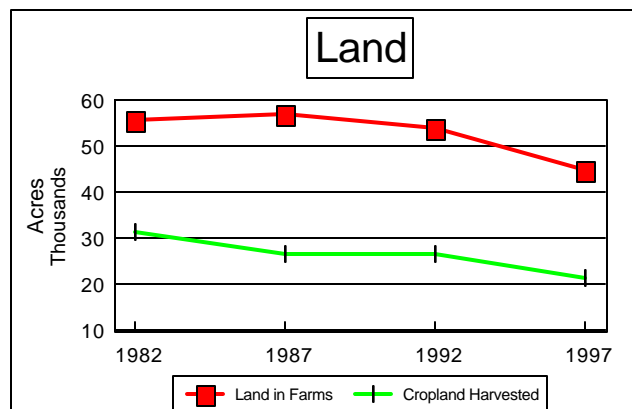
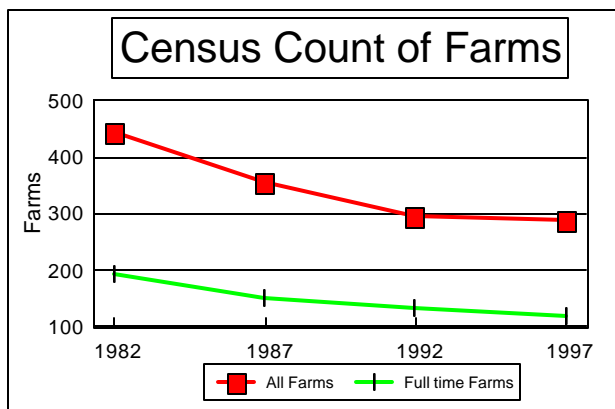
Increased 30 percent to \$21,334,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 31 percent from \$55,798 in 1992 to \$73,314 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	21,334	88	114	2,052	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,975	50	114	1,349	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,359	107	114	2,538	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	12,845	1	112	163	2,790
Aquaculture	(D)	1	65	55	1,505
Soybeans	2,031	74	106	977	2,136
Corn for grain	1,454	71	106	1,214	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	705	6	109	644	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	702	113	114	2,891	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	4	17	246	611
Horses and ponies sold	36	95	113	1,982	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	26	113	114	2,813	2,976
Mules, burros, and donkeys sold	(D)	7	83	144	1,580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,040	113	114	2,934	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	779	40	114	1,034	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	683	6	100	543	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	56	112	1,568	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	102	110	113	2,624	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,108	76	106	1,028	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	5,192	76	111	1,302	2,691
Wheat-acres	3,879	60	112	1,175	2,612
Hay crops-acres	2,245	110	114	2,669	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,026	3	107	295	2,619

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	176	170	4
\$10,000 or more	115	125	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,082	11,284	25
Average per farmdollars..	48,392	38,380	26
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,434	4,859	12
Average per farmdollars..	18,674	16,527	13
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	217	221	-2
Partnership or corporation	67	72	-7
Other	7	2	250
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	118	133	-11
Other	173	162	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	259	266	-3
Female	32	29	10
Operators by race:			
White	288	294	-2
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	56.4	54.3	4

(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.