

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



VERNON MISSOURI

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 402,202 acres in 1992 to 388,549 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 322 acres in 1992 to 307 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 649 farms in 1992 to 592 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

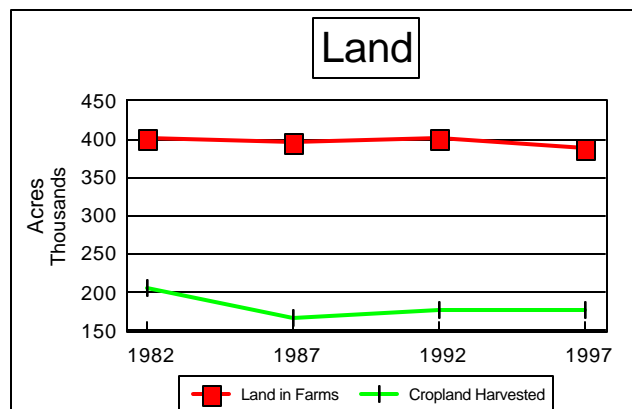
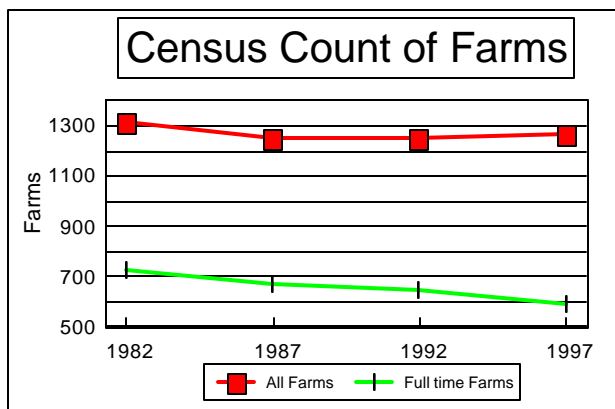
Increased 112 percent to \$87,731,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 109 percent from \$33,140 in 1992 to \$69,353 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	87,731	14	114	628	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	60,124	10	114	393	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	27,607	31	114	1,013	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	45,693	3	114	50	2,976
Soybeans	12,907	34	106	462	2,136
Cattle and calves	11,305	43	114	809	3,063
Corn for grain	5,499	41	106	770	2,582
Wheat	3,435	16	112	495	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	1,003,187	2	114	15	2,976
Turkeys sold (D)	(D)	25	47	290	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	27,718	36	114	700	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold (D)	(D)	10	71	106	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	582	36	108	1,148	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	145,219	3	113	89	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	57,954	19	114	487	3,064
All turkeys inventory (D)	(D)	22	96	227	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,153	30	113	944	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	870	30	111	1,053	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	64,768	28	106	408	2,144
Hay crops-acres	53,887	14	114	226	3,061
Wheat-acres	24,261	13	112	474	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	21,655	43	111	788	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	17,519	4	108	152	1,508

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	716	664	8
\$10,000 or more	549	585	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	74,059	35,030	111
Average per farmdollars..	58,545	28,046	109
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,926	5,864	137
Average per farmdollars..	10,992	4,695	134
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,138	1,104	3
Partnership or corporation	116	130	-11
Other	11	15	-27
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	592	649	-9
Other	673	600	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,138	1,136	0
Female	127	113	12
Operators by race:			
White	1,257	1,247	1
Black and other races	8	2	300
Average age of operator	55.1	54.3	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.