

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



## CAPE GIRARDEAU MISSOURI

### Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 252,890 acres in 1992 to 260,931 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 210 acres in 1992 to 225 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 601 farms in 1992 to 541 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

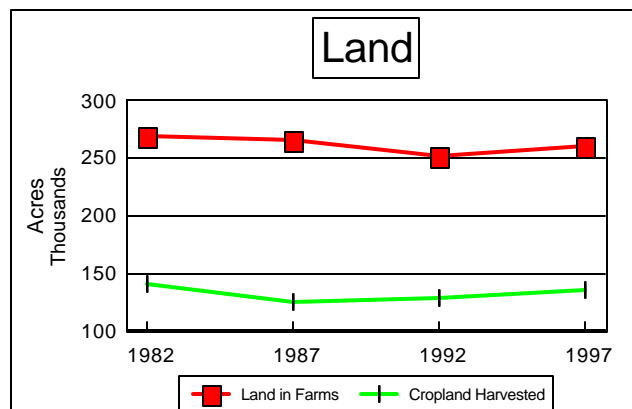
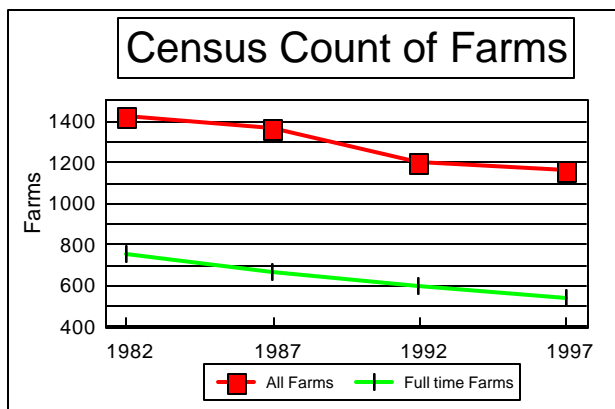
Increased 6 percent to \$46,225,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 10 percent from \$36,088 in 1992 to \$39,814 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	46,225	46	114	1,273	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	23,124	39	114	1,145	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	23,101	46	114	1,106	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	12,609	32	114	721	3,063
Soybeans	9,899	48	106	543	2,136
Corn for grain	7,568	24	106	654	2,582
Dairy products	6,243	14	108	542	2,563
Hogs and pigs	3,927	48	114	614	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	35,779	49	114	642	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	27,140	39	114	724	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	19	71	261	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	144	23	113	588	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	123	95	108	1,930	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	46,205	40	114	678	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	19,263	46	113	609	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,054	22	114	678	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	363	93	113	1,933	3,002
Rabbit inventory	(D)	23	101	470	2,456
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	47,798	46	106	530	2,144
Hay crops-acres	42,673	32	114	376	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	33,569	27	111	641	2,691
Wheat-acres	18,183	21	112	566	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	3,097	26	108	345	1,508

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 .....	647	659	-2
\$10,000 or more .....	514	544	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	38,716	34,687	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	33,319	28,834	16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,723	9,408	-18
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,647	7,820	-15
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,013	1,038	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	136	159	-14
Other .....	12	6	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	541	601	-10
Other .....	620	602	3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,077	1,128	-5
Female .....	84	75	12
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,161	1,200	-3
Black and other races .....	-	3	-100
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.