

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



CHARITON MISSOURI

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 403,597 acres in 1992 to 414,379 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 375 acres in 1992 to 387 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 646 farms in 1992 to 580 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

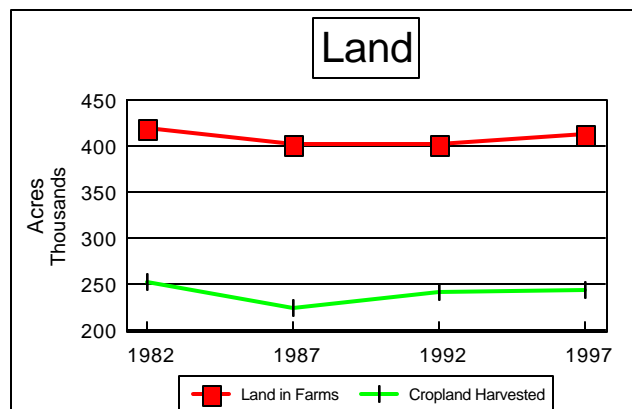
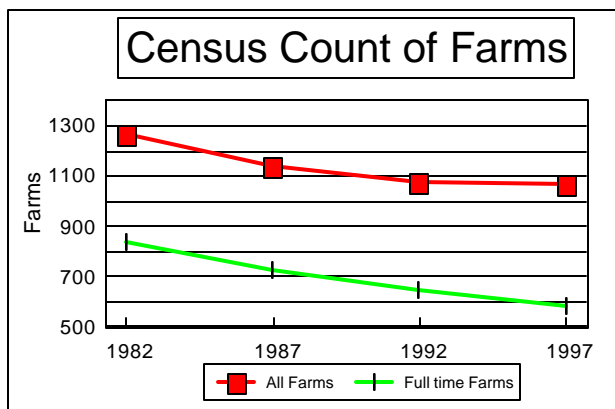
Increased 12 percent to \$85,215,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$70,533 in 1992 to \$79,565 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	85,215	16	114	648	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	47,734	13	114	582	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	37,480	19	114	720	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	30,268	3	114	242	3,063
Soybeans	25,851	9	106	179	2,136
Corn for grain	15,740	10	106	421	2,582
Hogs and pigs	6,688	31	114	443	2,976
Wheat	(D)	9	112	414	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	60,559	35	114	465	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	47,353	7	114	323	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,143	10	108	750	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	40	93	1,183	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	44	87	113	1,786	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	53,138	26	114	553	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	32,579	25	113	433	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,640	6	111	644	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	685	67	113	1,436	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	362	97	114	1,992	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	124,998	8	106	114	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	63,461	9	111	419	2,691
Hay crops-acres	31,963	51	114	626	3,061
Wheat-acres	27,467	9	112	449	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	1,749	7	101	758	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	436	396	10
\$10,000 or more	635	679	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	62,553	55,104	14
Average per farmdollars..	58,406	51,260	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	22,456	21,814	3
Average per farmdollars..	20,968	20,292	3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	900	876	3
Partnership or corporation	160	192	-17
Other	11	7	57
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	580	646	-10
Other	491	429	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	969	989	-2
Female	102	86	19
Operators by race:			
White	1,068	1,071	-0
Black and other races	3	4	-25
Average age of operator	55.0	53.7	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.