

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 211,148 acres in 1992 to 202,863 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 165 acres in 1992 to 168 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 524 farms in 1992 to 501 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

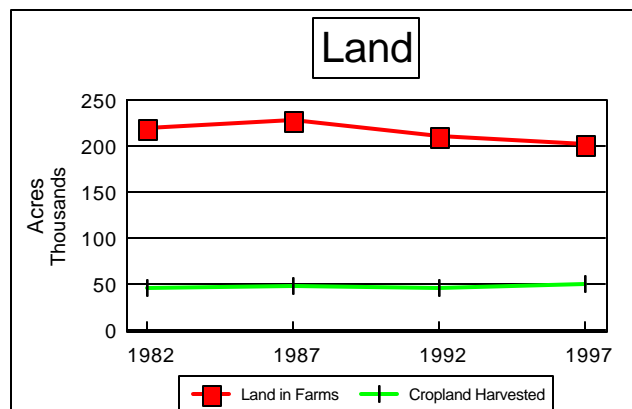
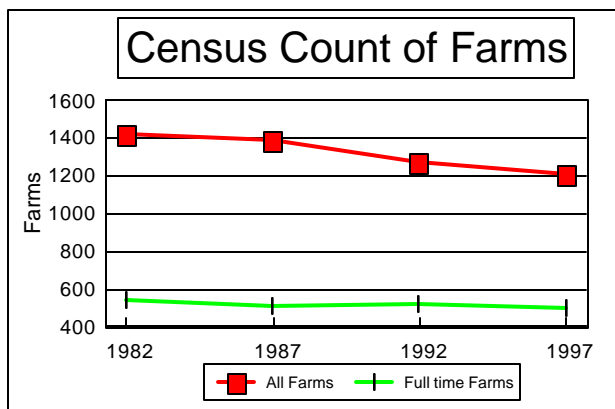
Decreased 9 percent to \$25,739,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 4 percent from \$22,098 in 1992 to \$21,290 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	25,739	82	114	1,892	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	23,706	44	114	1,087	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,034	90	114	2,507	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	14,935	20	114	602	3,063
Dairy products	5,264	16	108	619	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	2,830	22	113	717	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,269	26	114	710	3,043
Horses and ponies	360	7	113	414	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	255,500	17	47	172	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	30,091	30	114	636	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,612	100	114	1,640	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	25	87	870	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	255	77	108	1,602	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	110,008	15	96	159	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	55,456	24	114	519	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,593	9	114	330	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,112	16	112	648	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	850	55	113	1,287	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	49,538	20	114	270	3,061
Field seeds-acres	(D)	36	102	91	1,212
Corn for silage-acres	675	46	101	1,278	2,473
Wheat-acres	433	93	112	1,947	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	385	95	111	2,127	2,691

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 .....	832	831	
\$10,000 or more .....	377	447	-16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	24,553	22,865	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,308	17,877	14
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,259	3,594	-9
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,695	2,810	-4
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,125	1,192	-6
Partnership or corporation .....	79	82	-4
Other .....	5	4	25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	501	524	-4
Other .....	708	754	-6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,106	1,183	-7
Female .....	103	95	8
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,204	1,275	-6
Black and other races .....	5	3	67
Average age of operator .....	56.0	54.7	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.