

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 238,909 acres in 1992 to 242,364 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 348 acres in 1992 to 342 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 357 farms in 1992 to 316 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

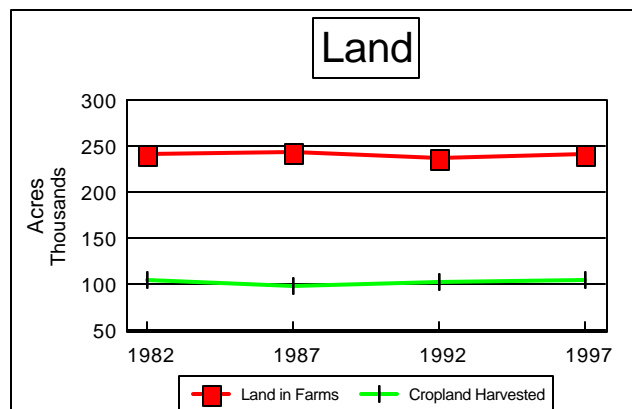
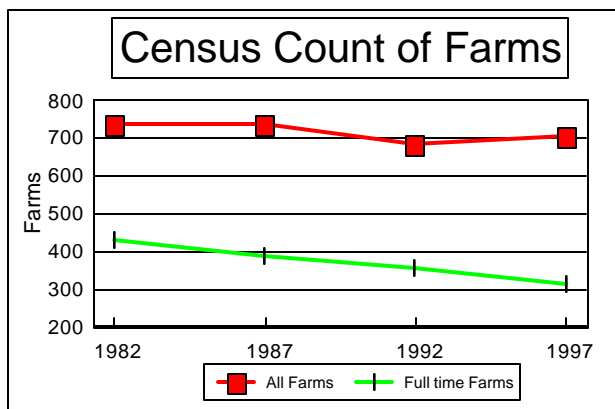
Increased 13 percent to \$31,428,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 9 percent from \$40,651 in 1992 to \$44,328 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	31,428	70	114	1,679	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	20,164	47	114	1,254	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,264	79	114	1,763	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	8,444	50	106	597	2,136
Cattle and calves	8,191	66	114	1,062	3,063
Corn for grain	7,329	28	106	668	2,582
Hogs and pigs	2,328	61	114	773	2,976
Wheat	2,112	32	112	640	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	22,687	62	114	779	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	18,814	61	114	1,047	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	87	268	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	513	45	108	1,227	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	155	45	93	1,290	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	30,097	66	114	1,129	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	10,563	61	113	782	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	4	112	226	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	876	29	111	1,049	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	784	59	113	1,336	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	37,230	53	106	614	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	31,814	29	111	656	2,691
Hay crops-acres	22,706	75	114	899	3,061
Wheat-acres	14,048	31	112	641	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	854	37	101	1,135	2,473

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 .....	352	304	16
\$10,000 or more .....	357	383	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	25,458	22,536	13
Average per farm .....dollars..	35,958	32,803	10
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,091	6,036	17
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,016	8,787	14
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	587	578	2
Partnership or corporation .....	119	100	19
Other .....	3	9	-67
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	316	357	-11
Other .....	393	330	19
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	646	637	1
Female .....	63	50	26
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	708	683	4
Black and other races .....	1	4	-75
Average age of operator .....	54.3	53.4	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.