

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 68,596 acres in 1992 to 62,537 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 242 acres in 1992 to 228 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

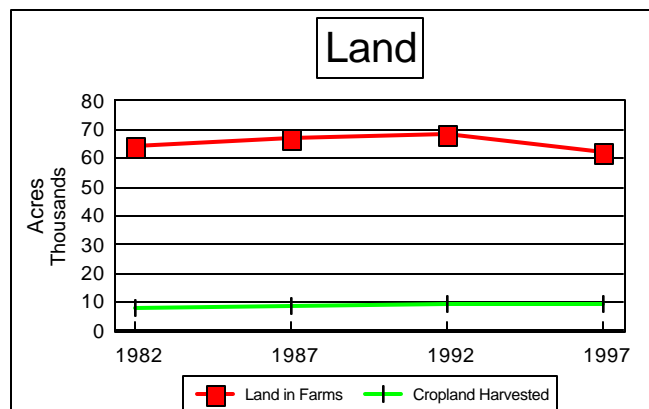
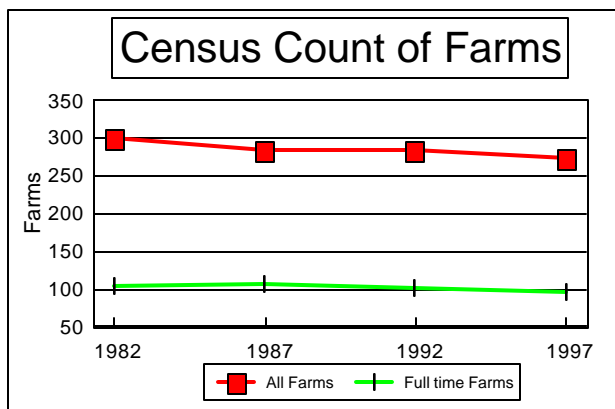
Decreased 5 percent from 101 farms in 1992 to 96 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 22 percent to \$6,378,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 26 percent from \$18,402 in 1992 to \$23,277 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	6,378	110	114	2,691	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	(D)	98	114	2,228	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	(D)	114	114	2,995	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,713	100	114	1,698	3,063
Horses and ponies	(D)	2	113	67	3,015
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	36	113	973	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	124	110	114	2,592	3,043
Hogs and pigs	(D)	106	114	1,906	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	20	93	644	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,270	101	114	1,863	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	105	114	1,892	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	30	103	113	2,146	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	105	108	2,435	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	16	113	510	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	9,810	106	114	2,166	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	102	113	1,907	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	292	104	114	2,237	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	93	112	2,286	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	9,458	105	114	1,768	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	96	108	1,129	1,508
All nursery-acres	30	56	107	1,714	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	111	111	2,585	2,691
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	8	42	81	1,161	1,965

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 .....	211	202	4
\$10,000 or more .....	63	82	-23
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,009	4,299	40
Average per farm .....dollars..	21,932	15,138	45
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	377	541	-30
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,375	1,905	-28
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	257	254	1
Partnership or corporation .....	16	30	-47
Other .....	1	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	96	101	-5
Other .....	178	183	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	254	265	-4
Female .....	20	19	5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	270	282	-4
Black and other races .....	4	2	100
Average age of operator .....	55.1	54.9	0

(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.