

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 210,253 acres in 1992 to 229,598 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 434 acres in 1992 to 426 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

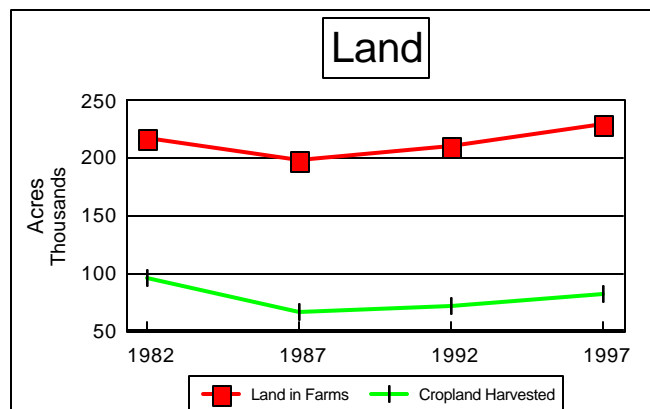
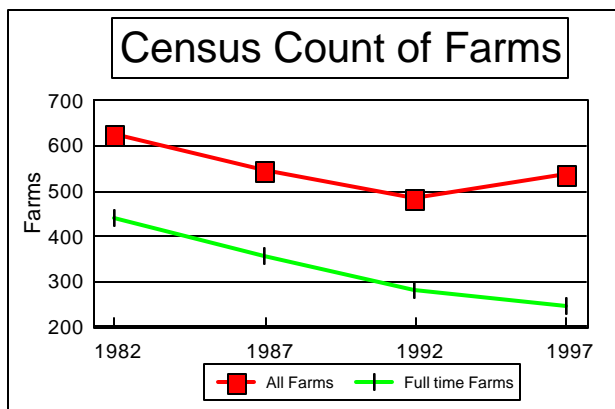
Decreased 13 percent from 284 farms in 1992 to 247 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 387 percent to \$122,780,000 in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 338 percent from \$51,965 in 1992 to \$227,791 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	122,780	6	114	353	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	(D)	6	114	156	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	(D)	60	114	1,665	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	2	114	10	2,976
Cattle and calves	6,436	75	114	1,262	3,063
Soybeans	5,266	63	106	732	2,136
Corn for grain	3,323	55	106	941	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,655	5	114	266	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	3	114	22	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	15,436	72	114	1,221	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	30	87	993	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	305	66	108	1,504	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	39	93	1,159	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	2	113	13	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	26,850	71	114	1,241	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	730	63	113	1,384	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	495	61	111	1,423	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	359	98	114	2,005	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	43,726	29	114	359	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	23,459	63	106	754	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	13,344	59	111	963	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,170	80	112	1,610	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	729	58	108	575	1,508

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	293	222	32
\$10,000 or more	246	263	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	89,936	19,089	371
Average per farmdollars..	167,168	39,358	325
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	34,512	6,173	459
Average per farmdollars..	64,149	12,728	404
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	463	428	8
Partnership or corporation	70	53	32
Other	6	4	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	247	284	-13
Other	292	201	45
Operators by sex:			
Male	486	449	8
Female	53	36	47
Operators by race:			
White	537	483	11
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	54.6	55.2	-1

(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.