

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



BENTON MISSOURI

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 239,298 acres in 1992 to 232,412 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 287 acres in 1992 to 289 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 479 farms in 1992 to 400 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

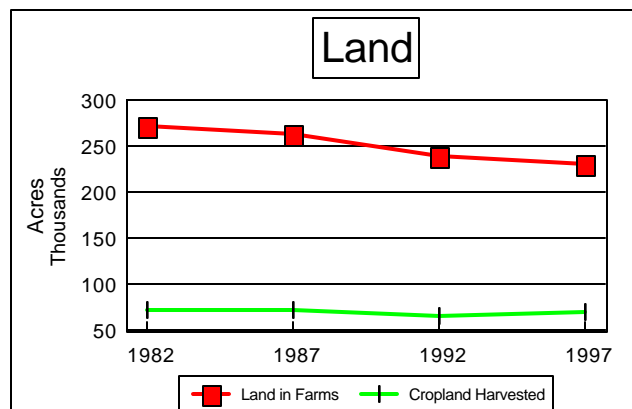
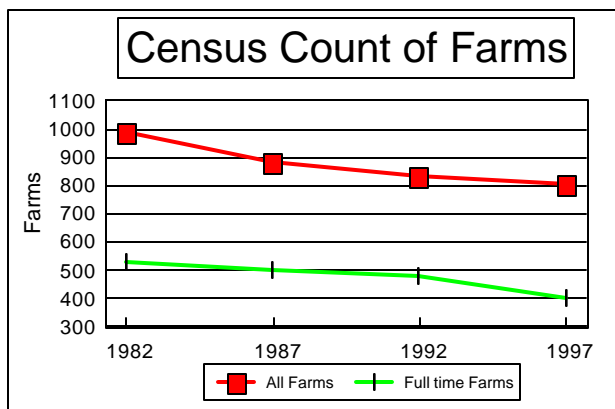
Increased 10 percent to \$30,667,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 14 percent from \$33,513 in 1992 to \$38,143 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	30,667	71	114	1,698	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,358	41	114	1,057	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,308	73	114	2,007	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	10,635	14	113	420	2,901
Cattle and calves	8,532	61	114	1,023	3,063
Soybeans	3,223	72	106	863	2,136
Hogs and pigs	2,610	58	114	733	2,976
Dairy products	2,527	31	108	947	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3,572,900	9	64	306	1,882
Turkeys sold	383,900	12	47	142	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	14	93	536	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	21,993	64	114	785	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	20,831	52	114	941	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	9	108	319	2,620
All turkeys inventory	118,820	13	96	148	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	77,650	15	113	477	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	39,610	47	114	840	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	10,778	60	113	772	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	38,860	41	114	453	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	16,136	69	106	854	2,144
Wheat-acres	5,984	53	112	977	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	5,889	74	111	1,253	2,691
Field seeds-acres	3,409	30	102	66	1,212

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	451	435	4
\$10,000 or more	353	400	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,626	22,815	12
Average per farmdollars..	31,913	27,323	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,795	4,102	-32
Average per farmdollars..	3,480	4,912	-29
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	744	762	-2
Partnership or corporation	57	66	-14
Other	3	7	-57
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	400	479	-16
Other	404	356	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	747	771	-3
Female	57	64	-11
Operators by race:			
White	800	833	-4
Black and other races	4	2	100
Average age of operator	55.8	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.