

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



POLK MISSOURI

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 345,673 acres in 1992 to 347,688 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 216 acres in 1992 to 221 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 758 farms in 1992 to 706 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

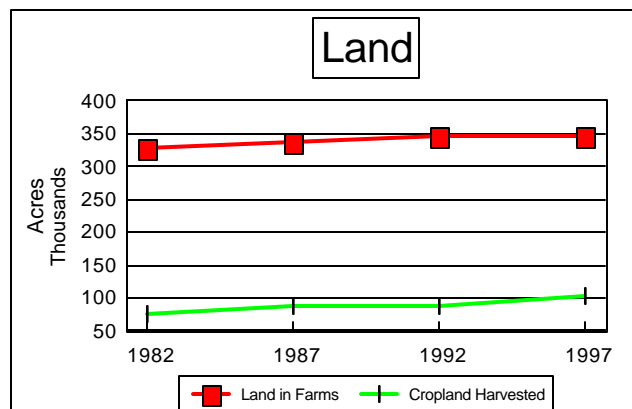
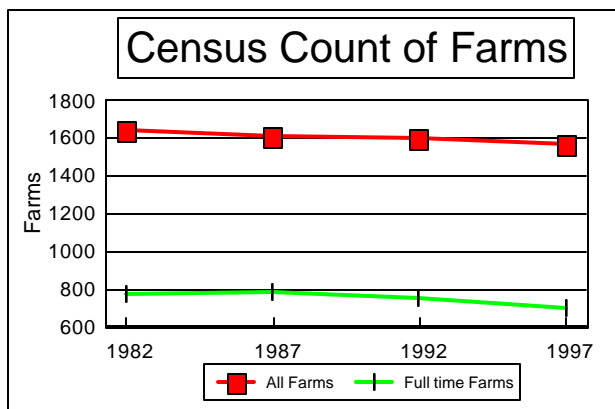
Decreased 6 percent to \$49,516,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$32,909 in 1992 to \$31,439 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	49,516	42	114	1,208	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	44,759	15	114	591	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,757	82	114	2,145	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	21,293	7	114	369	3,063
Dairy products	13,856	5	108	289	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	7,444	16	113	499	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,778	2	114	251	3,043
Hogs and pigs	1,851	67	114	837	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	503,863	10	47	120	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	13	93	497	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	52,183	2	114	269	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	19,439	69	114	817	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	23	64	771	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	291,114	10	96	91	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	102,894	11	113	419	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	96,164	3	114	144	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,897	73	113	929	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,510	12	114	363	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	86,734	2	114	65	3,061
Field seeds-acres	(D)	1	102	10	1,212
Corn for grain-acres	1,732	83	111	1,690	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,547	85	106	1,480	2,144
Wheat-acres	1,460	77	112	1,540	2,612

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	951	911	4
\$10,000 or more	624	689	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	43,909	44,633	-2
Average per farmdollars..	27,861	27,895	-0
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,911	7,047	-30
Average per farmdollars..	3,116	4,405	-29
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,427	1,451	-2
Partnership or corporation	132	144	-8
Other	16	5	220
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	706	758	-7
Other	869	842	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,456	1,483	-2
Female	119	117	2
Operators by race:			
White	1,569	1,590	-1
Black and other races	6	10	-40
Average age of operator	53.7	53.2	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.