

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service



## RAY MISSOURI

### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 277,322 acres in 1992 to 274,349 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 265 acres in 1992 to 255 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 454 farms in 1992 to 436 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

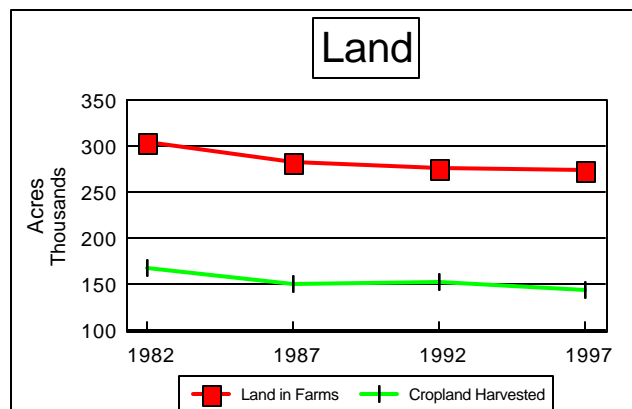
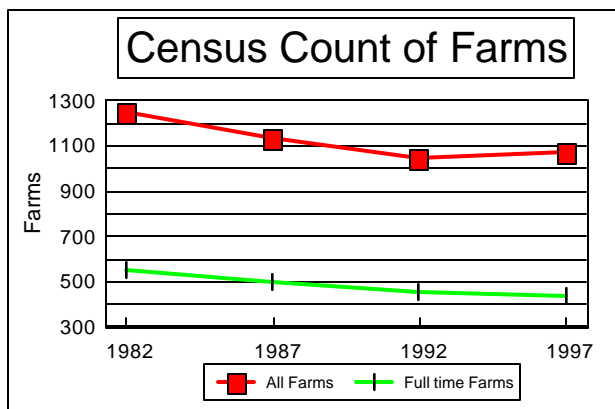
Decreased 8 percent to \$39,060,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 10 percent from \$40,542 in 1992 to \$36,335 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	39,060	55	114	1,462	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	24,833	36	114	1,099	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,227	70	114	1,565	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	14,278	28	106	428	2,136
Cattle and calves	12,247	35	114	742	3,063
Corn for grain	7,482	25	106	660	2,582
Wheat	2,053	33	112	650	2,578
Hogs and pigs	1,631	71	114	876	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	23,697	43	114	818	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	20,130	68	114	812	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	358	59	108	1,430	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	94	46	113	980	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	61	93	1,519	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	33,836	55	114	999	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	10,994	59	113	766	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	868	53	113	1,275	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	770	41	114	1,051	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	560	57	111	1,345	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	71,778	23	106	356	2,144
Hay crops-acres	32,560	49	114	603	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	28,858	32	111	686	2,691
Wheat-acres	13,637	33	112	654	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	1,683	8	101	780	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 .....	630	576	9
\$10,000 or more .....	445	469	-5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	27,774	32,426	-14
Average per farm .....dollars..	25,860	31,029	-17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	9,936	11,830	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,251	11,321	-18
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	965	906	7
Partnership or corporation .....	103	137	-25
Other .....	7	2	250
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	436	454	-4
Other .....	639	591	8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	986	963	2
Female .....	89	82	9
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,067	1,039	3
Black and other races .....	8	6	33
Average age of operator .....	54.3	52.9	3

(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.