

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 22 percent from 277,050 acres in 1992 to 216,303 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 29 percent from 341 acres in 1992 to 241 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 369 farms in 1992 to 387 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

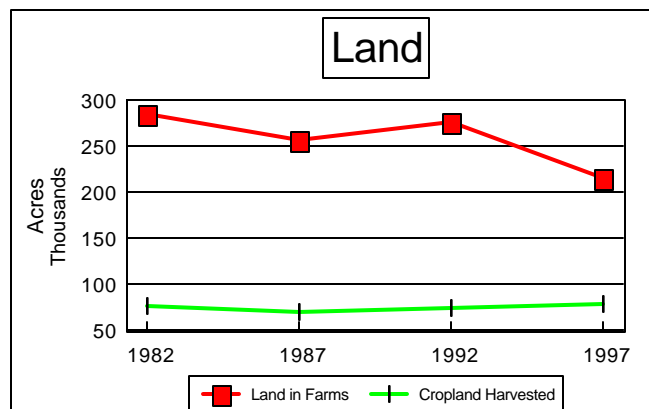
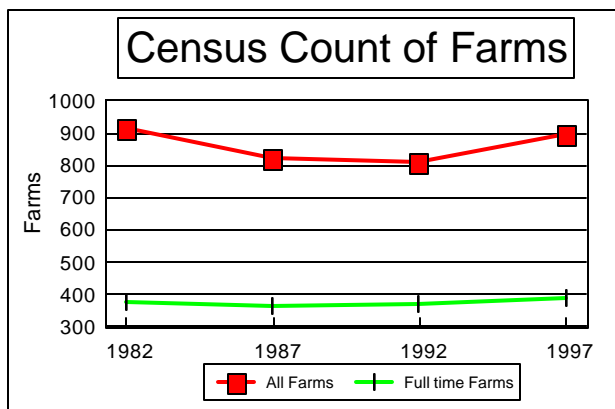
Increased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 9 percent from \$32,597 in 1992 to \$29,693 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	26,664	32	56	1,863	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,862	20	56	1,355	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,802	40	56	1,961	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	6,422	6	43	193	2,237
Cattle and calves	4,682	50	56	1,502	3,063
Wheat	3,609	33	54	475	2,578
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,998	1	39	560	2,790
Dairy products	2,675	5	43	925	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	10,460	50	56	1,576	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	5,136	16	54	1,225	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	649	48	56	1,091	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	278	8	56	209	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	217	23	36	1,151	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	17,371	49	56	1,675	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,726	6	56	107	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,327	17	56	1,282	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	776	47	56	1,127	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	737	18	55	1,378	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	33,242	35	56	580	3,061
Wheat-acres	19,477	37	55	545	2,612
Barley-acres	16,899	17	56	87	1,411
Mint for oil-acres	6,642	1	5	7	77
All nursery-acres	1,220	2	24	244	2,619

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 .....	614	534	15
\$10,000 or more .....	284	279	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	22,859	20,974	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	25,455	25,829	-1
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,620	5,079	-48
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,918	6,255	-53
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	797	736	8
Partnership or corporation .....	85	74	15
Other .....	16	3	433
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	387	369	5
Other .....	511	444	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	775	736	5
Female .....	123	77	60
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	890	812	10
Black and other races .....	8	1	700
Average age of operator .....	55.3	54.6	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.