

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 1,271,160 acres in 1992 to 1,079,502 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 23 percent from 3,041 acres in 1992 to 2,347 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 299 farms in 1992 to 316 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

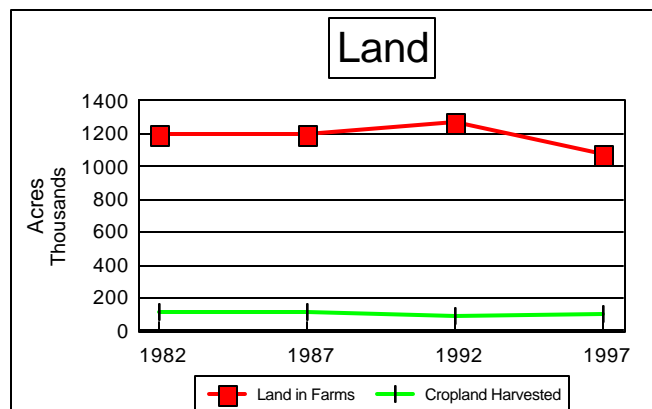
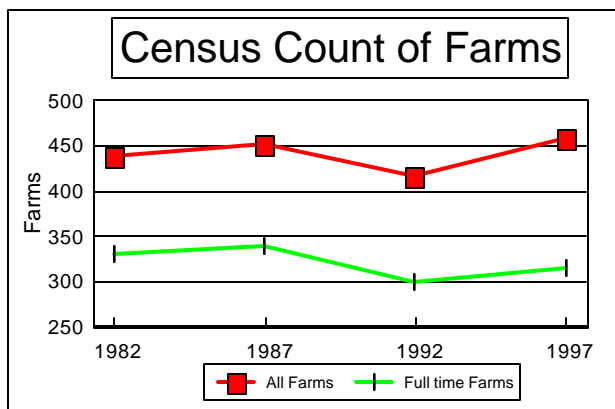
Decreased 3 percent to \$35,456,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 12 percent from \$87,890 in 1992 to \$77,079 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	35,456	24	56	1,557	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	25,563	10	56	1,010	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,894	28	56	1,759	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	23,015	10	56	344	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,813	5	56	170	3,043
Wheat	2,389	36	54	601	2,578
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	10	43	336	2,237
Barley	1,349	19	54	113	1,167
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	44,428	11	56	356	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	8,502	12	56	148	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	479	36	54	2,075	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	188	15	56	391	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	25	31	2,467	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	77,167	9	56	261	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	9,171	13	56	160	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	2,626	7	56	119	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	23	44	316	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	431	29	55	1,803	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	73,813	8	56	104	3,061
Wheat-acres	14,030	40	55	643	2,612
Barley-acres	9,564	27	56	138	1,411
Potatoes-acres	1,094	3	35	158	1,733
Oats-acres	657	39	56	847	2,332

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 .....	186	123	51
\$10,000 or more .....	274	295	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	29,820	29,805	0
Average per farm .....dollars..	64,968	71,304	-9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,354	6,169	-29
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,486	14,759	-36
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	344	294	17
Partnership or corporation .....	106	114	-7
Other .....	10	10	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	316	299	6
Other .....	144	119	21
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	415	386	8
Female .....	45	32	41
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	458	417	10
Black and other races .....	2	1	100
Average age of operator .....	56.0	53.2	5

(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.