

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 248,215 acres in 1992 to 262,419 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 552 acres in 1992 to 544 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 182 farms in 1992 to 171 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

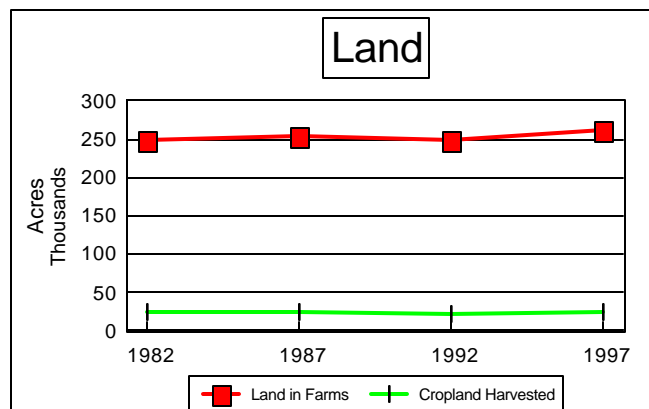
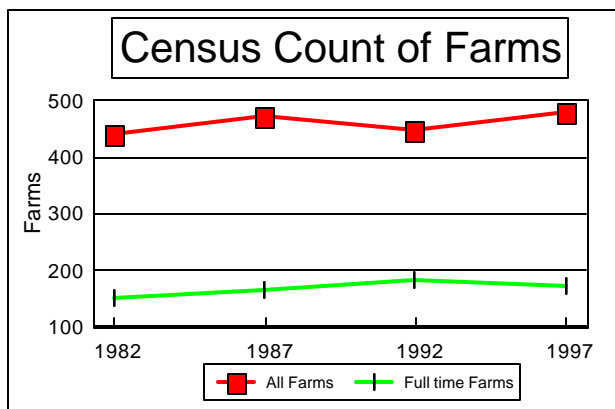
Increased 4 percent to \$8,022,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 27 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 73 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 3 percent from \$17,208 in 1992 to \$16,643 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	8,022	52	56	2,613	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,823	51	56	2,265	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,199	49	56	2,480	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	4,989	49	56	1,464	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	877	36	56	1,062	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	759	9	39	1,125	2,790
Wheat	315	49	54	1,374	2,578
Horses and ponies	314	10	56	496	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	10,942	49	56	1,534	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,176	44	56	730	2,765
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	4	8	56	611
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	220	12	26	1,229	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	203	11	56	349	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,103	52	56	1,896	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	11	44	192	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,802	14	56	263	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,023	44	56	935	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	329	38	55	1,991	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	20,080	46	56	1,032	3,061
Wheat-acres	3,099	48	55	1,260	2,612
Barley-acres	1,308	50	56	333	1,411
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	(D)	13	24	77	208
Oats-acres	151	51	56	1,495	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 .....	346	320	8
\$10,000 or more .....	136	130	5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,221	6,984	32
Average per farm .....dollars..	19,171	15,519	24
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(2,106)	615	-442
Average per farm .....dollars..	(4,377)	1,367	-420
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	421	395	7
Partnership or corporation .....	57	51	12
Other .....	4	4	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	171	182	-6
Other .....	311	268	16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	416	392	6
Female .....	66	58	14
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	476	443	7
Black and other races .....	6	7	-14
Average age of operator .....	56.1	54.8	2

(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.