

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 19 percent from 669,516 acres in 1992 to 541,361 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 6,376 acres in 1992 to 6,152 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 26 percent from 88 farms in 1992 to 65 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

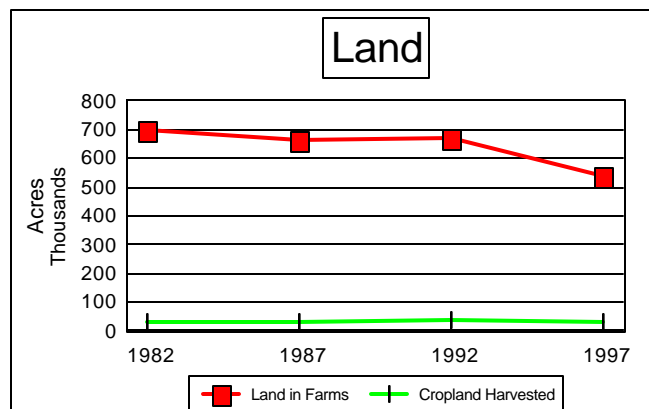
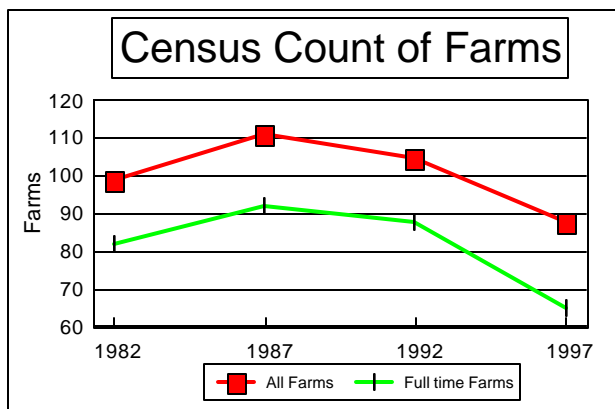
Decreased 20 percent to \$9,371,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 4 percent from \$111,196 in 1992 to \$106,484 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	9,371	50	56	2,536	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,139	46	56	2,122	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,231	48	56	2,473	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,625	42	56	1,241	3,063
Wheat	(D)	41	54	772	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	662	44	56	1,349	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	300	33	56	310	2,787
Dairy products	(D)	28	43	2,129	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	13,666	42	56	1,320	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,260	34	56	330	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	23	36	1,623	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	30	49	56	2,146	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	23,815	42	56	1,364	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	4,620	30	56	271	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	367	48	56	1,981	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	30	44	848	2,588
All turkeys inventory	(D)	29	42	1,652	2,361
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	18,700	47	56	1,097	3,061
Wheat-acres	14,624	39	55	629	2,612
Barley-acres	1,253	51	56	343	1,411
Field seeds-acres	175	23	34	403	1,212
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	3	10	580	1,323

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 .....	19	21	-10
\$10,000 or more .....	69	84	-18
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,860	8,429	-19
Average per farm .....dollars..	77,951	80,277	-3
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,174	3,099	-30
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,701	29,513	-16
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	60	74	-19
Partnership or corporation .....	26	30	-13
Other .....	2	1	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	65	88	-26
Other .....	23	17	35
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	86	101	-15
Female .....	2	4	-50
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	88	104	-15
Black and other races .....	-	1	-100
Average age of operator .....	53.4	52.4	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.