

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 2,277,936 acres in 1992 to 2,211,635 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 3,091 acres in 1992 to 2,949 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 650 farms in 1992 to 623 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

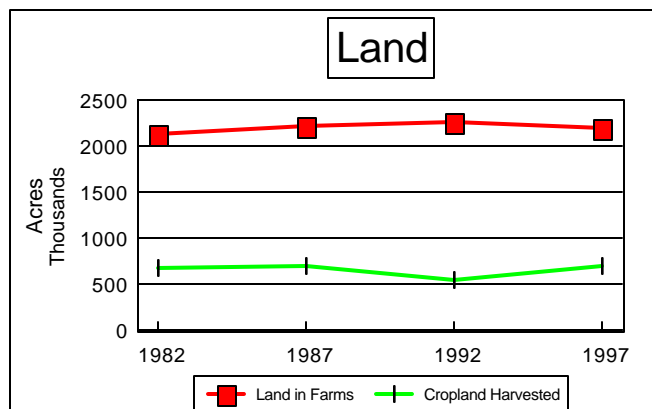
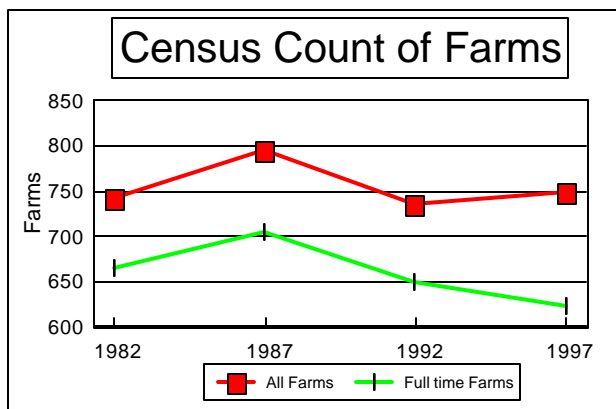
Increased 62 percent to \$92,706,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 59 percent from \$77,608 in 1992 to \$123,608 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	92,706	2	56	573	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	77,749	1	56	252	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,957	28	56	1,514	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Wheat	64,976	1	54	3	2,578
Cattle and calves	14,069	25	56	649	3,063
Barley	10,262	3	54	12	1,167
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,392	24	56	631	3,043
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	1,034	3	43	294	1,971
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	29,561	23	56	648	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	7,454	13	54	1,098	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,843	39	56	508	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	1	15	257	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	19	36	907	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	46,606	25	56	667	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,248	14	56	1,161	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,455	38	56	449	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	22	44	314	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	1,108	25	56	641	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	560,587	1	55	1	2,612
Barley-acres	97,534	3	56	9	1,411
Hay crops-acres	44,349	29	56	348	3,061
Safflower-acres	4,116	2	14	12	104
Dry edible peas-acres	2,142	1	28	16	208

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 .....	136	148	-8
\$10,000 or more .....	614	589	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	73,525	58,091	27
Average per farm .....dollars..	98,033	78,821	24
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	18,417	651	2729
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,556	884	2678
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	435	456	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	309	271	14
Other .....	6	10	-40
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	623	650	-4
Other .....	127	87	46
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	701	692	1
Female .....	49	45	9
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	745	732	2
Black and other races .....	5	5	
Average age of operator .....	53.1	50.7	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.