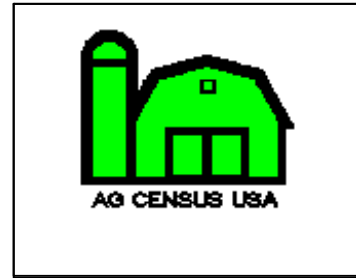


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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 508,754 acres in 1992 to 518,981 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 446 acres in 1992 to 454 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 811 farms in 1992 to 745 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

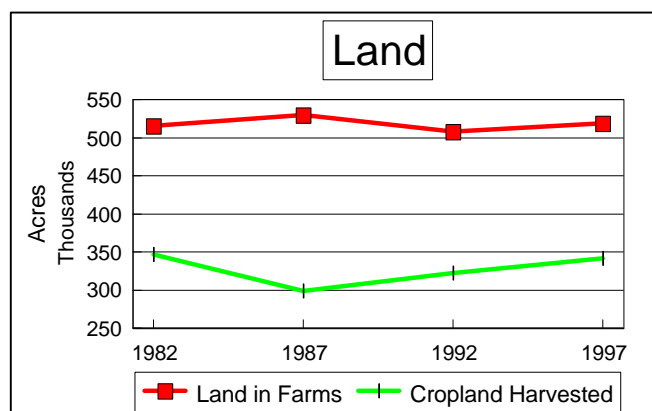
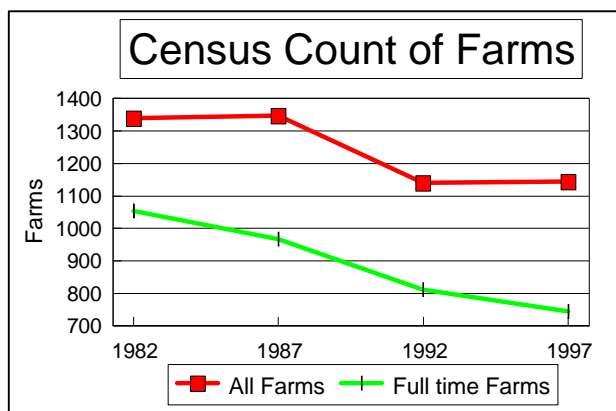
Increased 19 percent to \$114,773,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 19 percent from \$84,542 in 1992 to \$100,326 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	114,773	33	93	406	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	63,185	22	93	375	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	51,589	45	93	489	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	24,084	7	91	132	2,976
Soybeans	22,888	8	81	229	2,136
Corn for grain	17,681	52	92	383	2,582
Grain sorghum	16,607	1	80	4	1,275
Cattle and calves	15,190	72	93	584	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	63	498	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	220,783	8	91	148	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	27,947	69	93	692	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,084	33	89	778	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	14	46	1,033	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	5	93	256	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	1	83	487	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	102,559	8	91	154	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	45,705	56	93	686	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,202	28	90	820	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	106,861	8	81	176	2,144
Sorghum for grain-acres	101,141	1	86	5	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	76,200	48	93	321	2,691
Wheat-acres	37,709	16	87	373	2,612
Hay crops-acres	22,621	36	93	902	3,061

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	285	221	29
\$10,000 or more	859	919	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	80,167	72,201	11
Average per farmdollars..	70,015	63,334	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	28,029	24,239	16
Average per farmdollars..	24,480	21,262	15
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	975	999	-2
Partnership or corporation	158	138	14
Other	11	3	267
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	745	811	-8
Other	399	329	21
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,098	1,107	-1
Female	46	33	39
Operators by race:			
White	1,143	1,137	1
Black and other races	1	3	-67
Average age of operator	52.5	49.7	6

(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.