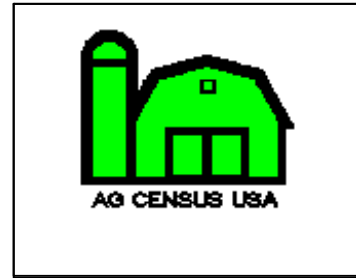


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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 1,069,778 acres in 1992 to 1,077,766 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 3,602 acres in 1992 to 3,499 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 239 farms in 1992 to 222 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

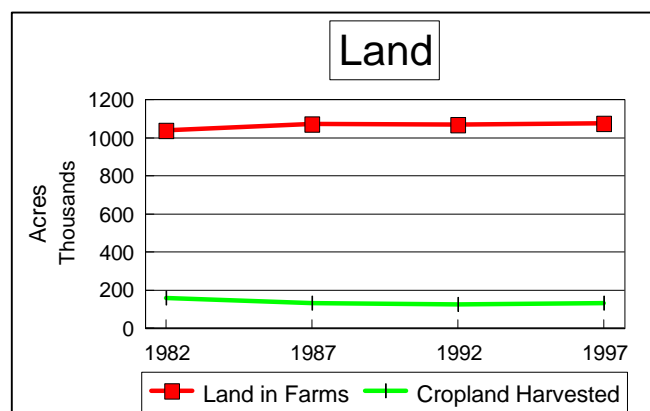
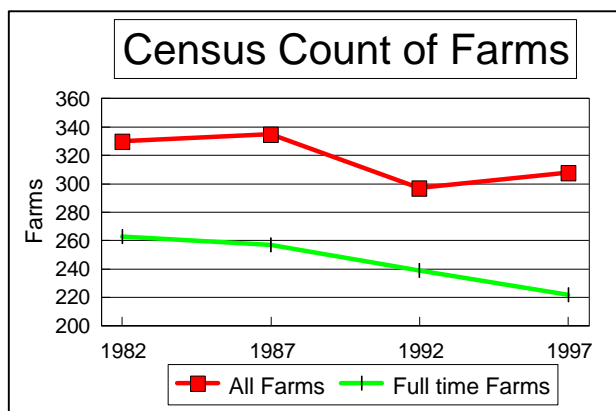
Increased 23 percent to \$57,551,000 in 1997.

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

Increased 19 percent from \$157,199 in 1992 to \$186,855 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	57,551	65	93	1,036	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	43,521	53	93	613	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	14,030	77	93	1,523	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	41,503	45	93	161	3,063
Corn for grain	5,564	74	92	766	2,582
Wheat	5,148	13	87	358	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,473	38	93	588	3,043
Aquaculture	(D)	1	19	91	1,505
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	67,914	40	93	186	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	66	91	973	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	415	67	89	1,356	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	50	63	1,298	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	60	27	93	1,451	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	83,357	24	93	221	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	73	91	1,079	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	724	18	93	1,117	3,066
Broiler inventory	450	25	83	996	2,620
Sheep and lamb inventory	391	71	90	1,539	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	53,480	12	93	229	3,061
Wheat-acres	53,161	13	87	303	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	21,137	76	93	800	2,691
Proso millet-acres	1,390	10	29	46	190
Oats-acres	1,026	25	89	639	2,332

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	67	63	6
\$10,000 or more	241	234	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	47,432	40,547	17
Average per farmdollars..	154,001	136,521	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,013	5,936	52
Average per farmdollars..	29,263	19,987	46
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	241	229	5
Partnership or corporation	60	63	-5
Other	7	5	40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	222	239	-7
Other	86	58	48
Operators by sex:			
Male	278	281	-1
Female	30	16	88
Operators by race:			
White	308	297	4
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	56.2	56.6	-1

(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.