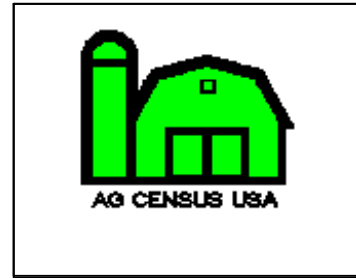


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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 325,330 acres in 1992 to 329,984 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 495 acres in 1992 to 511 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 487 farms in 1992 to 464 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

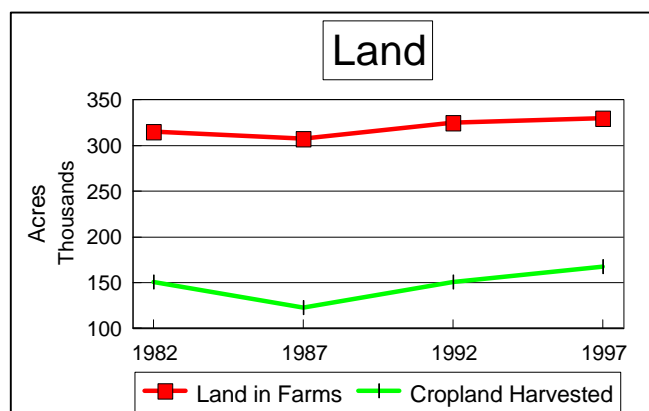
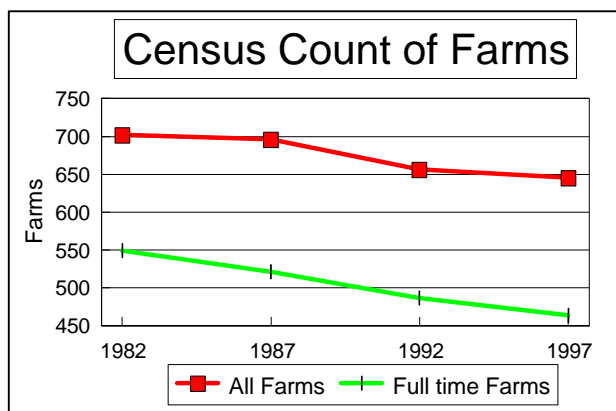
Increased 60 percent to \$115,694,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 62 percent from \$110,291 in 1992 to \$179,093 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	115,694	32	93	399	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	77,821	26	93	284	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	37,873	48	93	769	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	69,173	22	93	91	3,063
Corn for grain	30,114	28	92	187	2,582
Hogs and pigs	7,026	39	91	430	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,867	8	93	164	3,043
Soybeans	3,369	54	81	846	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	91,417	26	93	116	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	55,029	43	91	493	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	53	299	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	658	52	89	1,080	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	59	63	1,528	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	73,672	32	93	287	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	24,615	47	91	521	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	750	18	60	522	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	659	56	90	1,229	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	648	32	93	1,471	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	114,887	31	93	169	2,691
Hay crops-acres	35,343	23	93	527	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	13,576	54	81	917	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	2,311	29	92	613	2,473
Wheat-acres	1,723	54	87	1,486	2,612

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	130	129	1
\$10,000 or more	516	528	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	88,889	59,403	50
Average per farmdollars..	137,387	90,278	52
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	25,169	9,806	157
Average per farmdollars..	38,901	14,903	161
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	554	583	-5
Partnership or corporation	90	73	23
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	464	487	-5
Other	182	170	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	614	628	-2
Female	32	29	10
Operators by race:			
White	646	657	-2
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	51.8	49.9	4

(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.