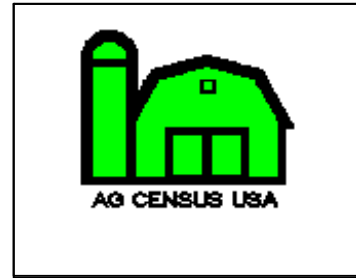


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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 330,369 acres in 1992 to 339,195 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 2,465 acres in 1992 to 2,372 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 115 farms in 1992 to 114 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

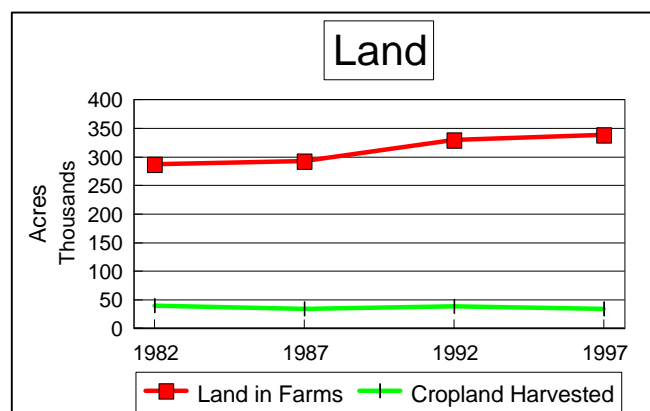
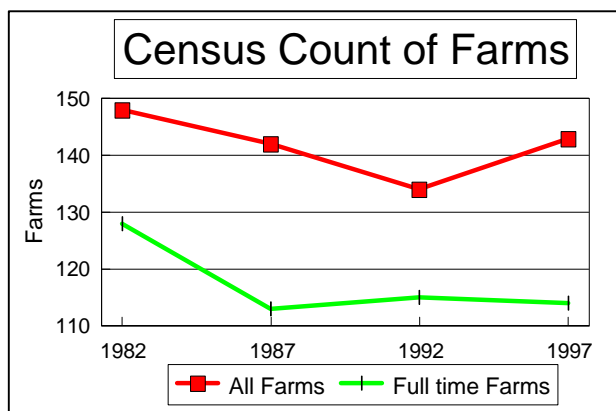
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 7 percent from \$111,907 in 1992 to \$104,425 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	14,933	88	93	2,304	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	12,361	82	93	1,678	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,572	87	93	2,423	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	11,734	75	93	772	3,063
Corn for grain	1,739	84	92	1,153	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	81	93	1,581	3,043
Hogs and pigs	430	77	91	1,284	2,976
Soybeans	239	71	81	1,498	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	22,975	73	93	853	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,302	79	91	1,381	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	30	89	89	2,425	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	27	56	93	2,227	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	41,155	65	93	795	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,319	76	91	1,284	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	193	82	93	2,606	3,066
Broiler inventory	(D)	47	83	1,353	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	173	74	93	2,387	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	24,262	35	93	849	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	8,322	85	93	1,140	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,003	71	81	1,583	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	551	80	92	1,385	2,473
Sunflower seed-acres	186	31	47	302	674

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	25	26	-4
\$10,000 or more	118	108	9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..			
Average per farmdollars..	12,095	11,867	2
	84,579	88,560	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,085	2,444	26
Average per farmdollars..	21,575	18,241	18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	123	108	14
Partnership or corporation	18	24	-25
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	114	115	-1
Other	29	19	53
Operators by sex:			
Male	134	126	6
Female	9	8	13
Operators by race:			
White	142	134	6
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	52.2	53.2	-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.