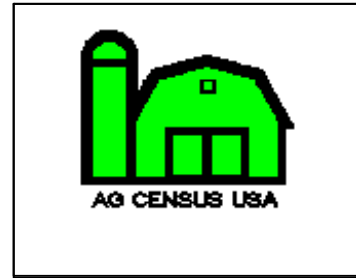


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Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 290,608 acres in 1992 to 273,892 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 471 acres in 1992 to 495 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 477 farms in 1992 to 387 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

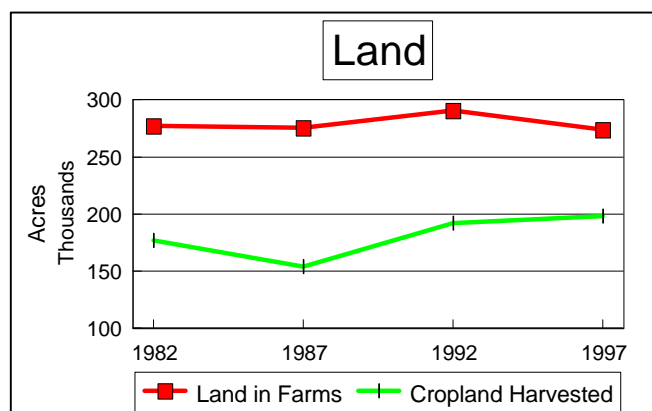
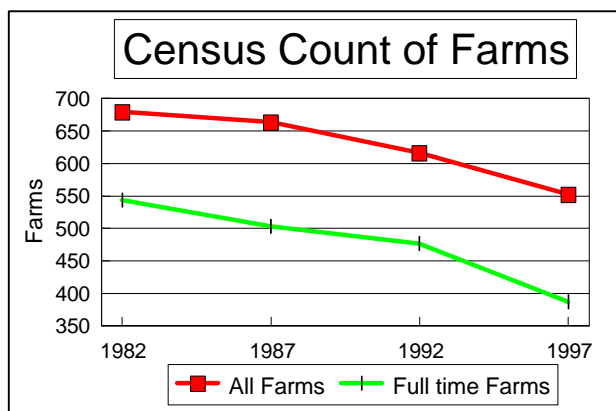
Increased 23 percent to \$163,159,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 37 percent from \$215,647 in 1992 to \$295,044 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	163,159	16	93	204	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	104,461	16	93	175	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	58,698	28	93	435	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	96,234	11	93	61	3,063
Corn for grain	49,704	16	92	54	2,582
Hogs and pigs	7,656	37	91	407	2,976
Soybeans	6,974	42	81	657	2,136
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	814	22	86	327	1,971
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	127,938	13	93	77	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	105,581	28	91	317	2,976
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	1	3	77	191
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	21	63	890	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	518	60	89	1,219	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	79,641	26	93	246	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	31,122	40	91	439	3,005
Mink inventory	(D)	1	3	92	239
Horse and pony inventory	597	21	93	1,341	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	535	61	90	1,375	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	153,615	20	93	76	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	26,915	44	81	708	2,144
Hay crops-acres	14,667	56	93	1,326	3,061
Popcorn-acres	2,677	8	65	27	534
Corn for silage-acres	1,098	66	92	1,005	2,473

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	96	106	-9
\$10,000 or more	457	511	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	131,278	112,332	17
Average per farmdollars..	237,393	182,062	30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	29,691	20,351	46
Average per farmdollars..	53,690	32,983	63
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	463	532	-13
Partnership or corporation	86	82	5
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	387	477	-19
Other	166	140	19
Operators by sex:			
Male	541	594	-9
Female	12	23	-48
Operators by race:			
White	553	617	-10
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	51.3	48.1	7

(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.