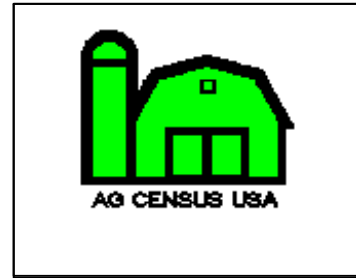


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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 375,771 acres in 1992 to 378,814 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 650 acres in 1992 to 686 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 483 farms in 1992 to 457 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

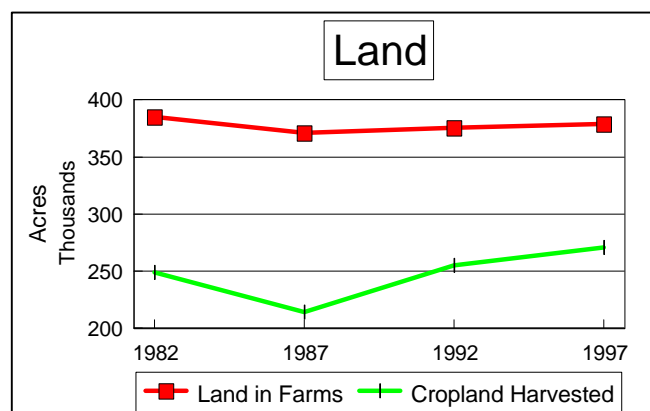
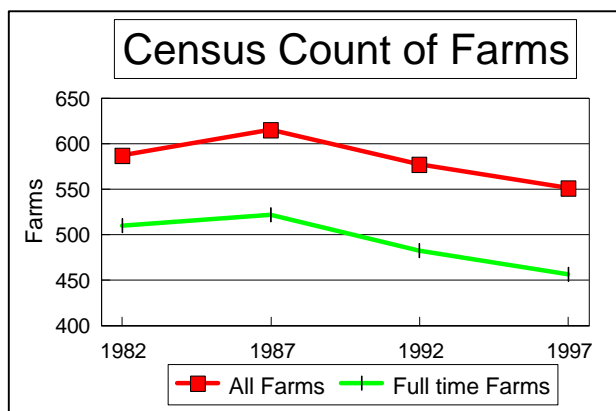
Increased 47 percent to \$336,390,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 53 percent from \$397,239 in 1992 to \$609,402 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	336,390	3	93	53	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	250,459	3	93	42	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	85,931	6	93	201	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	243,975	3	93	21	3,063
Corn for grain	77,101	3	92	11	2,582
Hogs and pigs	5,837	44	91	482	2,976
Soybeans	4,689	47	81	751	2,136
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,395	11	49	422	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	318,811	3	93	25	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	69,391	37	91	425	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,334	21	89	664	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	28	63	956	1,882
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	4	23	679	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	169,064	7	93	47	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	25,093	46	91	510	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,925	8	90	565	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	457	31	93	1,716	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	425	51	93	1,813	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	231,065	3	93	10	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	15,813	50	81	863	2,144
Hay crops-acres	7,740	81	93	1,934	3,061
Sorghum for grain-acres	6,407	26	86	259	1,508
Corn for silage-acres	5,209	10	92	296	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	57	64	-11
\$10,000 or more	495	514	-4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	271,853	199,244	36
Average per farmdollars..	491,597	344,713	43
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	60,981	31,669	93
Average per farmdollars..	110,273	54,791	101
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	381	423	-10
Partnership or corporation	167	153	9
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	457	483	-5
Other	95	95	
Operators by sex:			
Male	533	563	-5
Female	19	15	27
Operators by race:			
White	551	578	-5
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	50.1	47.8	5

(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.