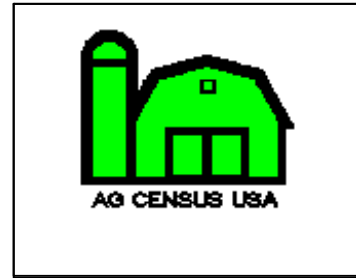


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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 657,906 acres in 1992 to 631,119 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 2,122 acres in 1992 to 1,997 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 240 farms in 1992 to 237 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

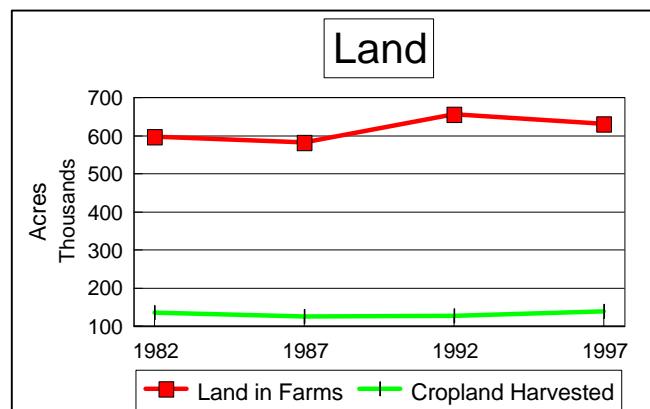
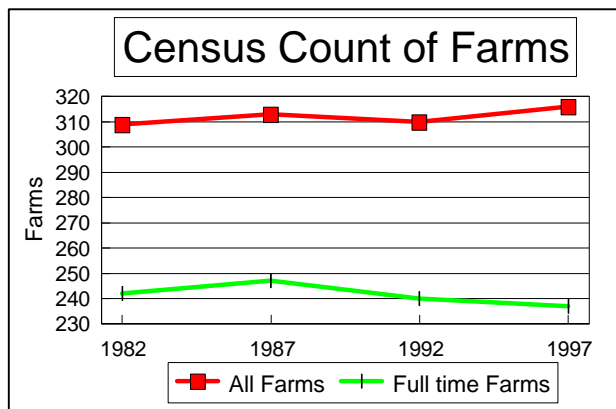
Increased 7 percent to \$55,629,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 27 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 73 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$168,100 in 1992 to \$176,043 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	55,629	69	93	1,070	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	40,799	54	93	653	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	14,830	74	93	1,485	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	40,040	47	93	175	3,063
Corn for grain	8,571	70	92	610	2,582
Soybeans	(D)	57	81	902	2,136
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	9	49	324	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	56	93	951	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	65,766	41	93	198	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,218	89	91	1,757	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	801	41	89	950	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	22	63	93	2,386	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	90,319	19	93	180	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	3	60	161	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,185	29	90	831	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	739	88	91	1,723	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	510	25	93	1,564	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	102,012	5	93	38	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	27,146	73	93	709	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,119	58	81	995	2,144
Potatoes-acres	(D)	6	37	134	1,733
Corn for silage-acres	210	89	92	1,795	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	82	70	17
\$10,000 or more	234	240	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	46,026	40,895	13
Average per farmdollars..	145,651	131,495	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,973	9,128	-24
Average per farmdollars..	22,067	29,352	-25
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	236	234	1
Partnership or corporation	76	74	3
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	237	240	-1
Other	79	70	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	300	288	4
Female	16	22	-27
Operators by race:			
White	316	310	2
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	51.9	50.7	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.