

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 307,527 acres in 1992 to 313,779 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 686 acres in 1992 to 725 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 317 farms in 1992 to 276 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

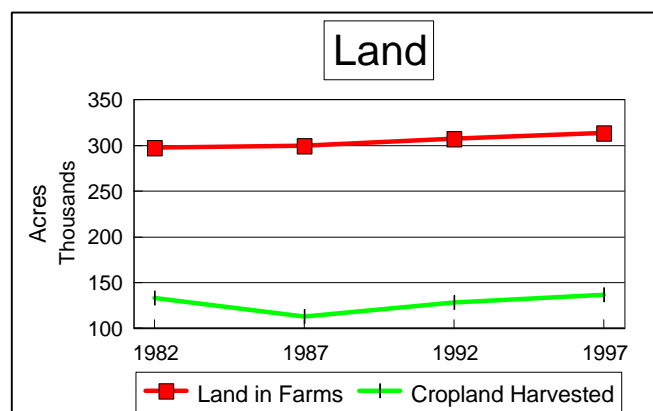
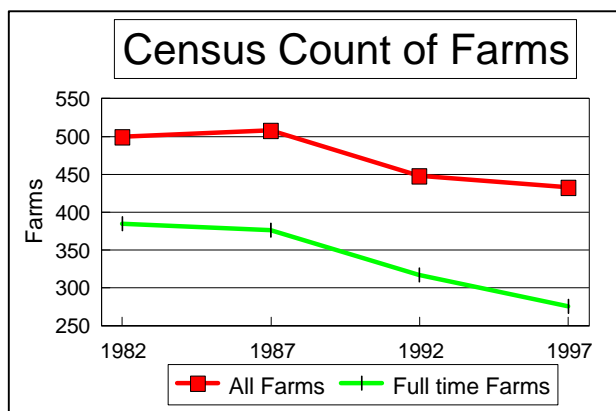
Increased 23 percent to \$113,702,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 27 percent from \$206,793 in 1992 to \$262,592 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

| Item  | Quantity | State |           | U.S.  |           |
|---|----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|   |          | Rank  | Universe* | Rank  | Universe* |
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b> |          |       |           |       |           |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                   | 113,702  | 34    | 93        | 411   | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 87,283   | 22    | 93        | 233   | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 26,419   | 61    | 93        | 1,048 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves   | 76,173   | 18    | 93        | 79    | 3,063     |
| Corn for grain  | 15,431   | 57    | 92        | 430   | 2,582     |
| Hogs and pigs   | 9,966    | 30    | 91        | 333   | 2,976     |
| Grain sorghum   | 3,497    | 11    | 80        | 100   | 1,275     |
| Wheat   | 3,490    | 22    | 87        | 489   | 2,578     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 104,659  | 18    | 93        | 94    | 3,063     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 84,541   | 32    | 91        | 370   | 2,976     |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold                  | 1,136    | 25    | 63        | 914   | 1,882     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 354      | 71    | 89        | 1,438 | 2,765     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | 27       | 35    | 53        | 1,724 | 2,200     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 82,599   | 25    | 93        | 225   | 3,064     |
| Hogs and pigs inventory                                     | 48,104   | 27    | 91        | 316   | 3,005     |
| Colony of bees inventory (D)                                |          | 16    | 60        | 507   | 2,588     |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 385      | 56    | 93        | 1,894 | 3,002     |
| Sheep and lamb inventory                                    | 333      | 76    | 90        | 1,616 | 2,864     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 56,886   | 60    | 93        | 468   | 2,691     |
| Wheat-acres   | 28,934   | 24    | 87        | 441   | 2,612     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 21,279   | 39    | 93        | 978   | 3,061     |
| Sorghum for grain-acres                                     | 20,404   | 12    | 86        | 133   | 1,508     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 9,485    | 59    | 81        | 1,009 | 2,144     |

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

| Item   | 1997    | 1992    | Percent Change |
|--|---------|---------|----------------|
| <b>Farms by value of sales:</b>                |         |         |                |
| Less than \$10,000 .....                       | 117     | 119     | -2             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 316     | 329     | -4             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 100,076 | 82,413  | 21             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 230,590 | 183,548 | 26             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |         |         |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 13,912  | 14,779  | -6             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 32,056  | 32,915  | -3             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |         |         |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 369     | 400     | -8             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 59      | 47      | 26             |
| Other .....                                    | 5       | 1       | 400            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |         |         |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |         |         |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 276     | 317     | -13            |
| Other .....                                    | 157     | 131     | 20             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |         |         |                |
| Male .....                                     | 406     | 416     | -2             |
| Female .....                                   | 27      | 32      | -16            |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |         |         |                |
| White .....                                    | 429     | 445     | -4             |
| Black and other races .....                    | 4       | 3       | 33             |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 52.7    | 51.9    | 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.