

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 263,976 acres in 1992 to 292,780 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 19 percent from 1,320 acres in 1992 to 1,574 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 152 farms in 1992 to 131 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

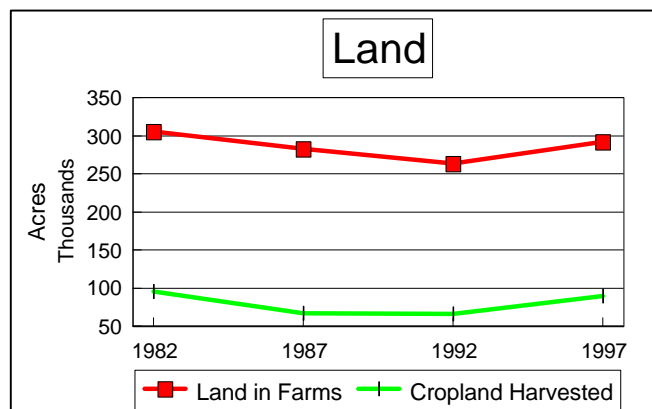
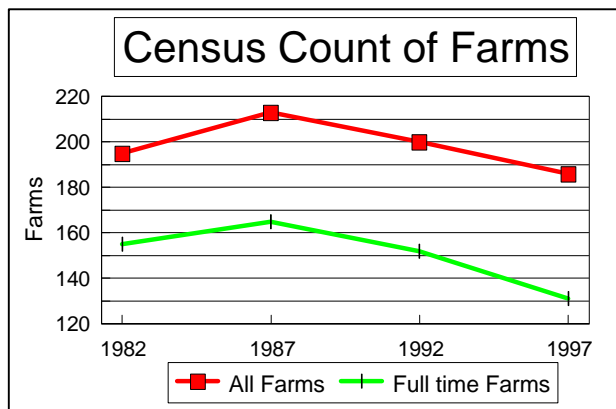
Increased 3 percent to \$126,843,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 11 percent from \$614,037 in 1992 to \$681,953 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	126,843	29	93	337	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	113,393	11	93	146	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,450	79	93	1,561	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	93,213	12	93	63	3,063
Hogs and pigs	18,821	12	91	187	2,976
Corn for grain	8,069	71	92	633	2,582
Soybeans	3,403	53	81	843	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,770	29	93	468	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	170,765	11	91	207	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	128,909	12	93	75	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	338	72	89	1,464	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	102	14	93	903	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	93,181	18	93	158	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	56,314	22	91	282	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	417	34	93	1,830	3,066
Broiler inventory	400	26	83	1,042	2,620
Sheep and lamb inventory	354	73	90	1,584	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	42,325	16	93	385	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	29,617	71	93	680	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	12,618	55	81	931	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	5,411	9	92	279	2,473
Popcorn-acres	583	24	65	128	534

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 .....	38	43	-12
\$10,000 or more .....	148	157	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	98,554	115,677	-15
Average per farm .....dollars..	529,862	578,384	-8
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	30,436	3,892	682
Average per farm .....dollars..	163,633	19,461	741
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	150	156	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	34	40	-15
Other .....	2	4	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	131	152	-14
Other .....	55	48	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	175	192	-9
Female .....	11	8	38
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	186	200	-7
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	52.2	52.1	0

(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.