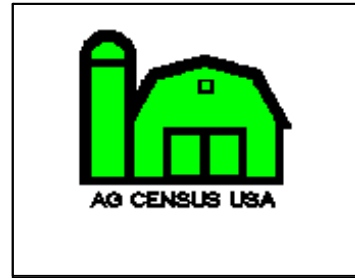


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Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 3,149,788 acres in 1992 to 2,855,472 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 19 percent from 8,749 acres in 1992 to 7,103 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 232 farms in 1992 to 239 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

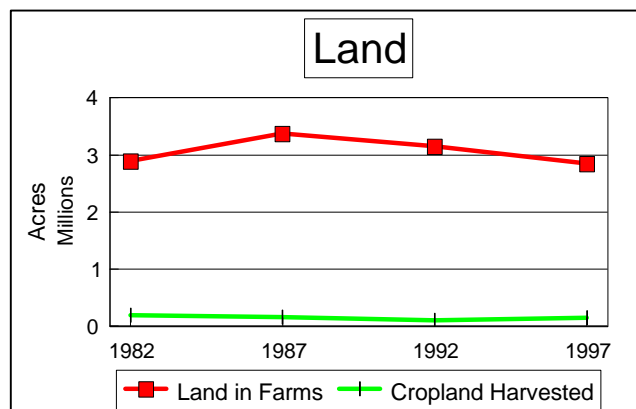
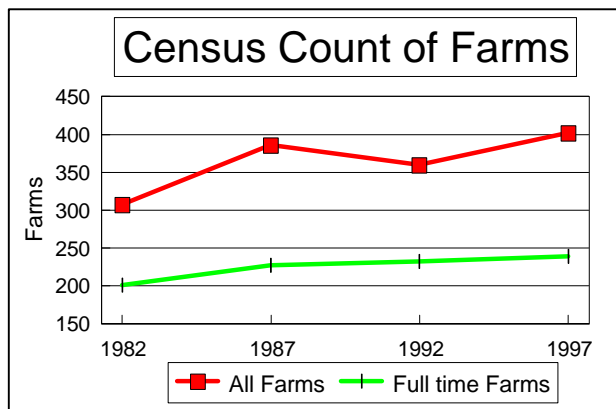
Decreased 3 percent to \$49,228,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 13 percent from \$141,256 in 1992 to \$122,458 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	49,228	3	17	1,216	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	44,995	1	17	588	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,233	10	17	2,207	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	40,641	1	17	168	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	4,133	7	17	147	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	3,673	1	16	34	2,787
Horses and ponies	354	3	16	425	3,015
Dairy products	(D)	7	9	2,010	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	93,688	1	17	115	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	39,786	1	16	37	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	289	2	16	195	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	9	1,086	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	170	7	11	2,445	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	165,277	1	17	50	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	35,487	1	16	48	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	4,124	1	17	35	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	778	1	15	1,346	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	265	6	13	1,388	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	146,938	1	17	7	3,061
Barley-acres	(D)	2	11	453	1,411
Field seeds-acres	(D)	4	7	363	1,212
Wheat-acres	(D)	7	11	2,238	2,612
Sorghum for silage-acres	(D)	1	1	700	1,323

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	159	131	21
\$10,000 or more	243	229	6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	35,781	42,795	-16
Average per farmdollars..	89,231	118,875	-25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,163	8,775	50
Average per farmdollars..	32,824	24,376	35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	295	254	16
Partnership or corporation	87	94	-7
Other	20	12	67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	239	232	3
Other	163	128	27
Operators by sex:			
Male	364	322	13
Female	38	38	
Operators by race:			
White	364	336	8
Black and other races	38	24	58
Average age of operator	54.7	53.3	3

(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.