

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 23 percent from 33,935 acres in 1992 to 41,651 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 155 acres in 1992 to 142 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 98 farms in 1992 to 107 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

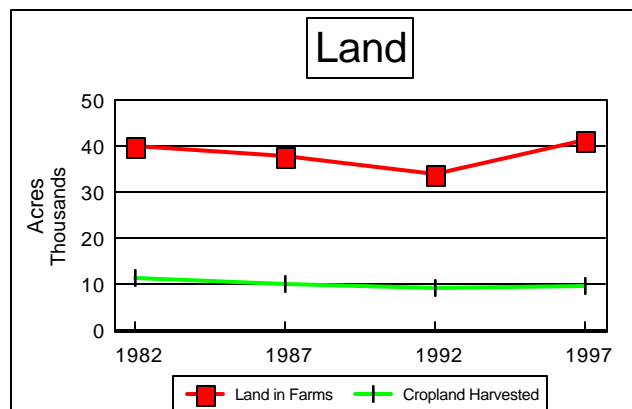
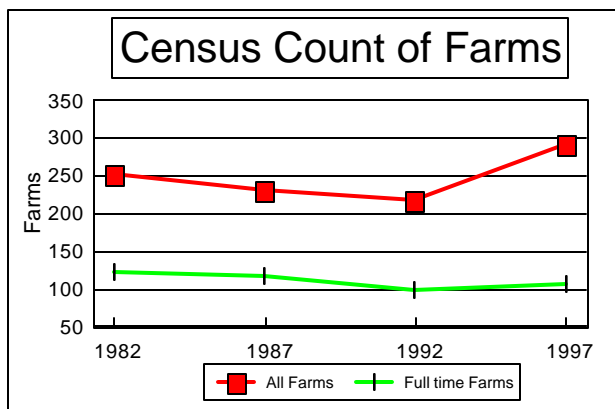
Increased 49 percent to \$27,534,000 in 1997.

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 12 percent from \$84,158 in 1992 to \$93,972 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	27,534	2	10	1,830	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,377	1	10	1,055	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,156	6	10	2,345	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	1	10	326	2,901
Dairy products	6,681	3	10	517	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,239	9	10	890	2,790
Cattle and calves	794	2	10	2,637	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	661	6	10	1,351	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	10	564	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	1	10	577	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,374	3	10	2,590	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	1	10	209	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	821	1	10	928	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	64,477	2	10	525	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	2	7	287	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	1	10	339	2,549
Broiler inventory	(D)	3	10	639	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	5,523	4	10	2,520	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,948	7	10	2,032	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,197	4	10	643	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	955	3	10	38	427
Land used for vegetables-acres	204	5	10	959	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	3	9	2,258	2,691

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 .....	208	140	49
\$10,000 or more .....	85	79	8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	19,146	12,289	56
Average per farm .....dollars..	65,569	56,113	17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,279	5,304	56
Average per farm .....dollars..	28,352	24,218	17
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	248	193	28
Partnership or corporation .....	41	24	71
Other .....	4	2	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	107	98	9
Other .....	186	121	54
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	248	181	37
Female .....	45	38	18
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	293	219	34
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	53.3	52.9	1

(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.