

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 24,716 acres in 1992 to 26,078 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 122 acres in 1992 to 111 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 91 farms in 1992 to 99 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

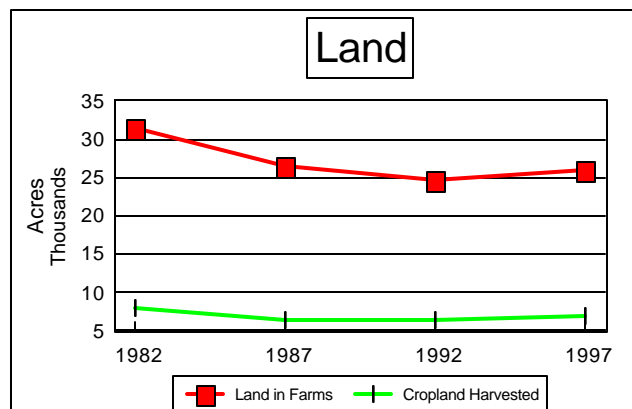
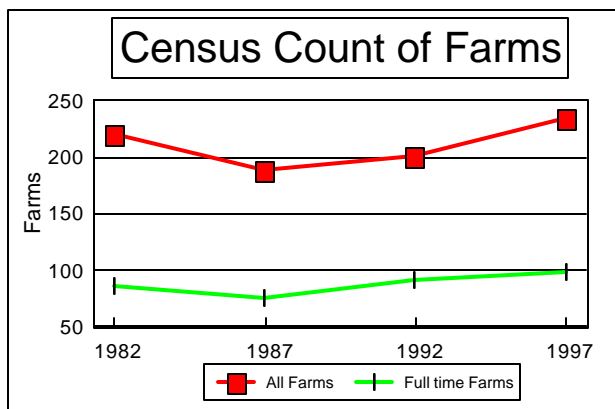
Increased 18 percent to \$9,133,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 2 percent from \$38,163 in 1992 to \$38,865 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	9,133	7	10	2,549	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	5,844	5	10	2,052	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,289	8	10	2,551	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,124	4	10	451	2,790
Dairy products	2,958	8	10	876	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	605	4	10	413	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	575	7	10	1,480	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	517	4	10	729	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	818	8	10	2,864	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	7	10	1,036	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	391	5	10	2,157	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	195	9	10	1,727	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	194	5	8	1,185	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,846	8	10	2,757	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,594	7	10	1,013	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	1,064	5	7	381	1,790
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	707	2	10	843	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	338	7	10	2,094	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	5,210	8	10	2,256	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	965	7	10	1,078	2,473
All nursery-acres	375	5	10	656	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	233	4	10	905	2,741
Total berries-acres	(D)	2	10	98	2,058

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 .....	145	140	4
\$10,000 or more .....	90	62	45
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,170	7,161	28
Average per farm .....dollars..	39,186	35,627	10
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(23)	542	-104
Average per farm .....dollars..	(98)	2,698	-104
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	199	171	16
Partnership or corporation .....	30	26	15
Other .....	6	5	20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	99	91	9
Other .....	136	111	23
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	196	175	12
Female .....	39	27	44
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	235	202	16
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	55.4	54.1	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.