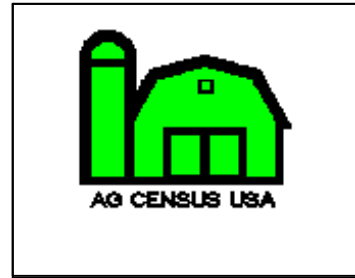


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Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 29,606 acres in 1992 to 31,050 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 76 acres in 1992 to 73 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 232 farms in 1992 to 198 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

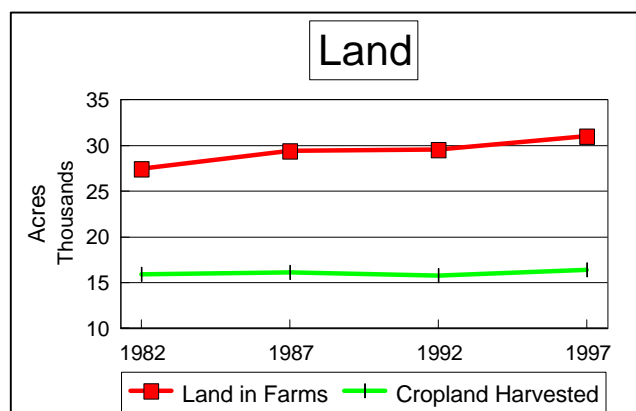
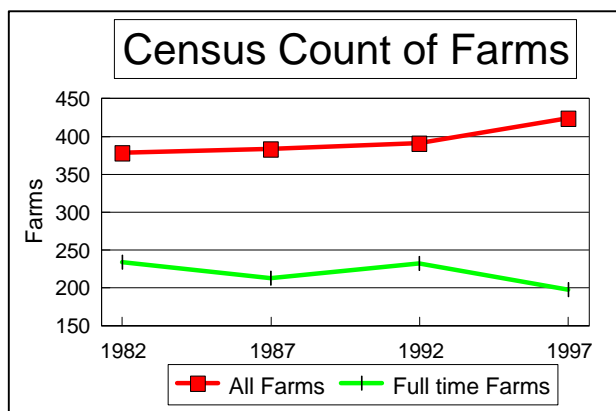
Increased 46 percent to \$63,469,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 35 percent from \$111,110 in 1992 to \$149,690 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	63,469	6	20	922	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	62,856	3	20	382	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	612	14	20	2,940	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	30,763	1	20	64	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	18,655	3	20	60	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	12,193	8	20	169	2,790
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	933	3	18	481	2,237
Aquaculture	312	2	16	235	1,505
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	265	12	18	1,098	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	259	13	20	2,312	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	150	15	20	1,298	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	102	14	19	2,012	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	93	8	20	991	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Colony of bees inventory	1,729	2	18	331	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	797	10	20	1,001	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	742	6	19	1,721	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	562	17	20	1,589	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	524	12	19	1,001	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Total berries-acres	(D)	1	20	10	2,058
Land used for vegetables-acres	5,374	4	20	130	2,741
Total herbs-acres	4,602	2	18	10	649
All nursery-acres	2,216	6	20	116	2,619
Hay crops-acres	1,136	14	20	2,853	3,061

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	228	190	20
\$10,000 or more	196	201	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	47,537	33,538	42
Average per farmdollars..	112,648	85,775	31
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,856	10,308	44
Average per farmdollars..	35,205	26,362	34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	340	311	9
Partnership or corporation	83	78	6
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	198	232	-15
Other	226	159	42
Operators by sex:			
Male	364	340	7
Female	60	51	18
Operators by race:			
White	418	383	9
Black and other races	6	8	-25
Average age of operator	52.5	52.8	-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.