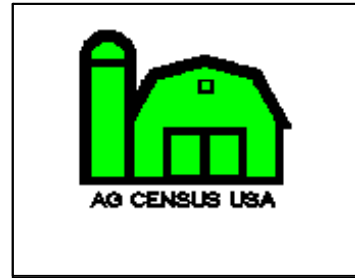


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Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 106,324 acres in 1992 to 105,230 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 82 acres in 1992 to 80 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 478 farms in 1992 to 496 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

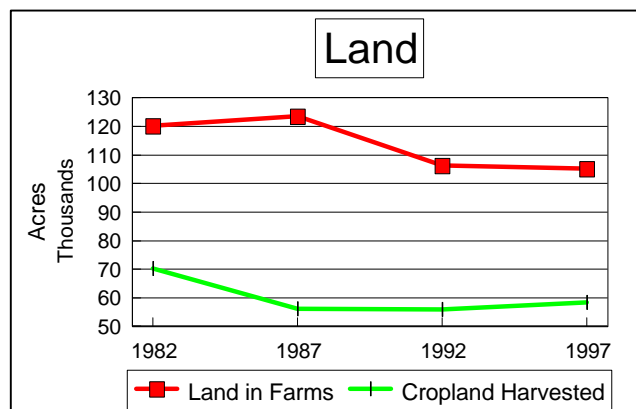
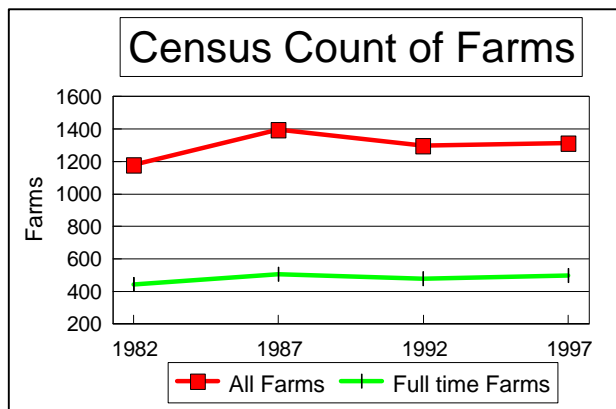
Increased 38 percent to \$36,057,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$20,174 in 1992 to \$27,461 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	36,057	8	20	1,541	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	28,149	9	20	993	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,907	5	20	2,052	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	16,621	7	20	132	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	3,254	1	19	206	3,043
Corn for grain	2,956	4	16	979	2,582
Dairy products	2,887	5	14	890	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,035	13	20	359	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	57,253	2	18	101	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	9,987	2	14	707	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	3,492	3	19	2,397	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,592	1	19	379	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	2,138	6	20	1,526	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	27,217	2	19	71	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	8,445	3	20	2,285	3,064
Broiler inventory	6,099	1	18	642	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	4,378	6	20	861	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,250	1	18	361	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	28,417	1	20	717	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	12,056	2	17	1,009	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,203	8	15	1,062	2,144
Wheat-acres	3,794	5	16	1,188	2,612
All nursery-acres	2,698	4	20	90	2,619

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	944	956	-1
\$10,000 or more	369	343	8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,252	24,226	33
Average per farmdollars..	24,601	18,664	32
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,806	1,925	46
Average per farmdollars..	2,140	1,483	44
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,137	1,120	2
Partnership or corporation	168	167	1
Other	8	12	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	496	478	4
Other	817	821	-0
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,097	1,095	0
Female	216	204	6
Operators by race:			
White	1,304	1,290	1
Black and other races	9	9	
Average age of operator	57.2	55.3	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.