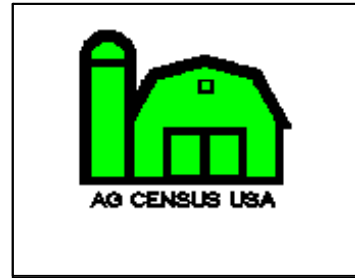


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Land in farms

Increased 12 percent from 25,011 acres in 1992 to 28,100 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 104 acres in 1992 to 102 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 138 farms in 1992 to 123 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

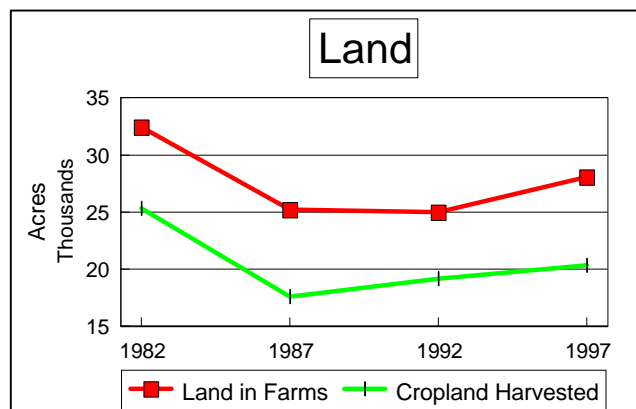
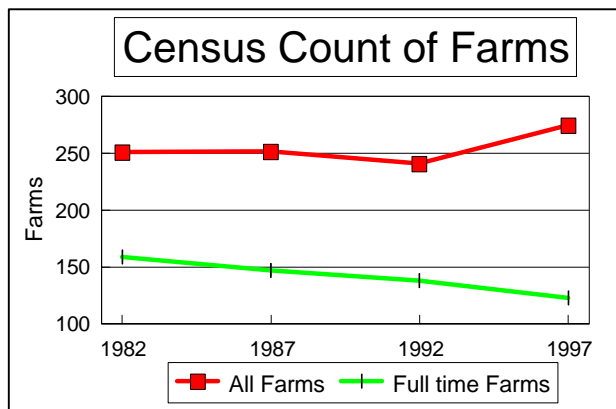
Increased 46 percent to \$34,355,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$97,585 in 1992 to \$124,927 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	34,355	9	20	1,591	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	33,211	7	20	868	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,144	12	20	2,850	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	25,324	4	20	81	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,341	9	20	253	2,739
Soybeans	2,084	6	15	968	2,136
Corn for grain	1,440	7	16	1,220	2,582
Fruits, nuts, berries	448	11	20	485	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	4	20	1,444	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	1	16	100	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	2	19	419	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	1	17	53	2,686
Cattle and calves sold	359	10	19	2,949	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,236	12	20	1,092	3,002
Rabbit inventory	(D)	2	19	161	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	462	14	20	1,701	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	390	10	18	1,542	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	367	13	19	1,175	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,972	6	15	999	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	3,915	7	17	1,425	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,952	7	16	1,433	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,824	7	20	307	2,741
Hay crops-acres	1,472	12	20	2,794	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	137	114	20
\$10,000 or more	138	127	9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,919	19,792	11
Average per farmdollars..	79,706	82,467	-3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,567	3,029	282
Average per farmdollars..	42,061	12,623	233
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	208	185	12
Partnership or corporation	61	52	17
Other	6	4	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	123	138	-11
Other	152	103	48
Operators by sex:			
Male	239	205	17
Female	36	36	
Operators by race:			
White	269	235	14
Black and other races	6	6	
Average age of operator	56.0	55.9	0

(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.