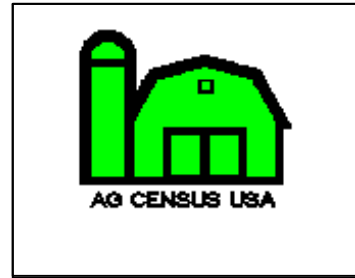


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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 58,758 acres in 1992 to 59,405 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 69 acres in 1992 to 68 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 414 farms in 1992 to 398 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

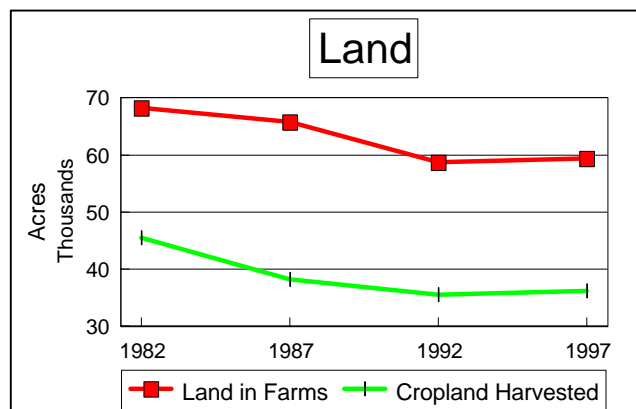
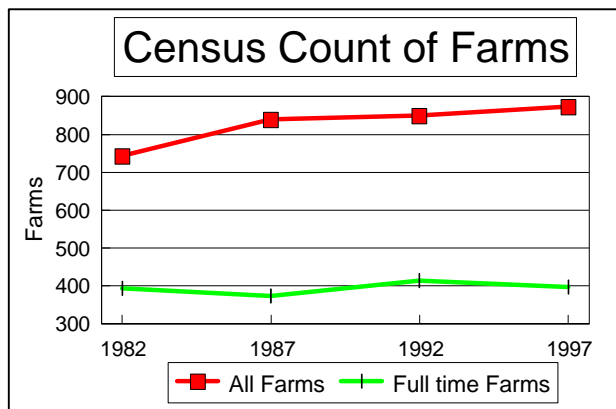
Increased 33 percent to \$67,973,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$59,935 in 1992 to \$77,772 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	67,973	3	20	853	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	62,642	4	20	384	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,331	7	20	2,318	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	45,492	1	20	40	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	10,186	5	20	103	2,739
Horses and ponies	2,582	2	20	35	3,015
Soybeans	2,266	3	15	951	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	2,040	3	20	793	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	20	545	2,203
Turkeys sold	(D)	2	18	353	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	6	18	217	2,200
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	1	8	74	611
Horses and ponies sold	551	1	20	68	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	3	20	446	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	6	19	105	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	5,115	1	20	22	3,066
All turkeys inventory	(D)	1	19	364	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	1,507	9	20	2,894	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,811	5	15	973	2,144
All nursery-acres	7,992	1	20	13	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	6,353	5	17	1,227	2,691
Hay crops-acres	4,648	7	20	2,328	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	4,104	6	20	164	2,741

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	513	512	
\$10,000 or more	361	338	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	53,373	41,803	28
Average per farmdollars..	60,998	49,122	24
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,723	7,730	90
Average per farmdollars..	16,826	9,084	85
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	694	667	4
Partnership or corporation	172	175	-2
Other	8	8	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	398	414	-4
Other	476	436	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	712	689	3
Female	162	161	1
Operators by race:			
White	853	825	3
Black and other races	21	25	-16
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.