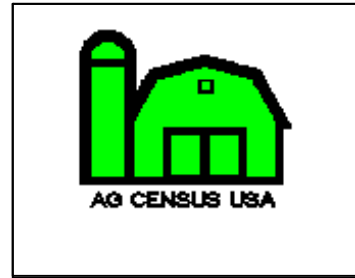


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### Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 10,365 acres in 1992 to 11,381 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 44 acres in 1992 to 48 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 111 farms in 1992 to 98 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

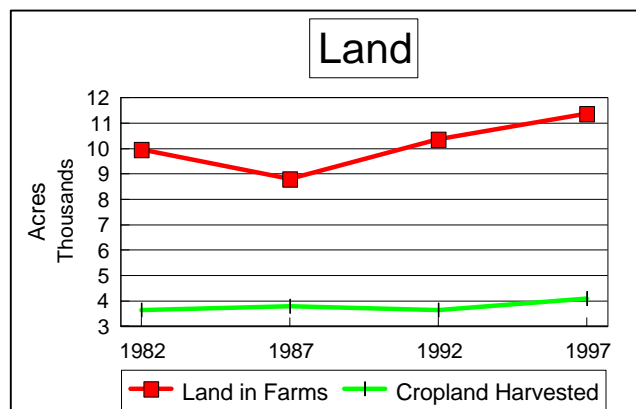
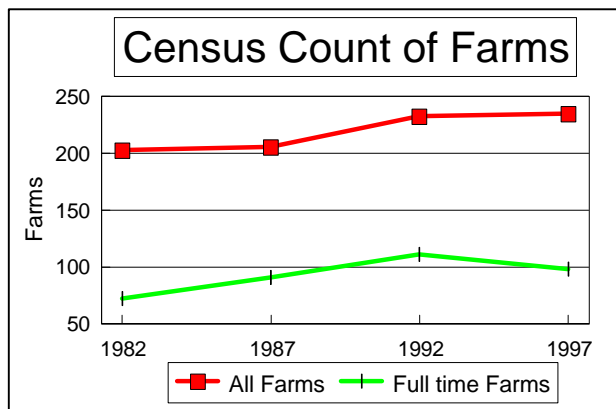
Increased 62 percent to \$8,170,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 61 percent from \$21,657 in 1992 to \$34,767 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	8,170	17	20	2,608	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	5,562	18	20	2,076	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,608	10	20	2,634	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,688	19	20	599	2,790
Horses and ponies	1,547	4	20	62	3,015
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,496	15	20	439	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	970	8	20	322	2,547
Aquaculture	(D)	1	16	184	1,505
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	18	346	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,674	7	20	1,627	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,412	7	20	970	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	282	3	20	204	3,015
Cattle and calves sold	158	13	19	3,005	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,898	8	20	903	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	9	19	473	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	653	7	19	1,777	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	641	11	20	1,254	3,066
Cattle and calves inventory	553	12	20	2,974	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	1,064	15	20	2,862	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	619	13	17	2,002	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	602	15	20	600	2,741
Soybeans for beans-acres	428	12	15	1,748	2,144
All nursery-acres	395	16	20	634	2,619

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 .....	159	164	-3
\$10,000 or more .....	76	69	10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,288	4,861	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	22,407	20,954	7
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,638	756	249
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,176	3,257	243
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	200	202	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	34	30	13
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	98	111	-12
Other .....	137	122	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	178	173	3
Female .....	57	60	-5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	227	231	-2
Black and other races .....	8	2	300
Average age of operator .....	56.0	54.3	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.