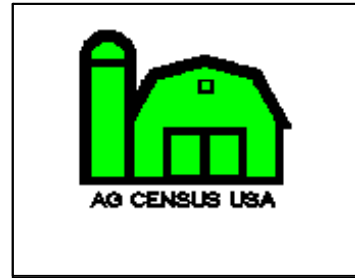


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Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 43,989 acres in 1992 to 46,258 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 101 acres in 1992 to 106 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 192 farms in 1992 to 155 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

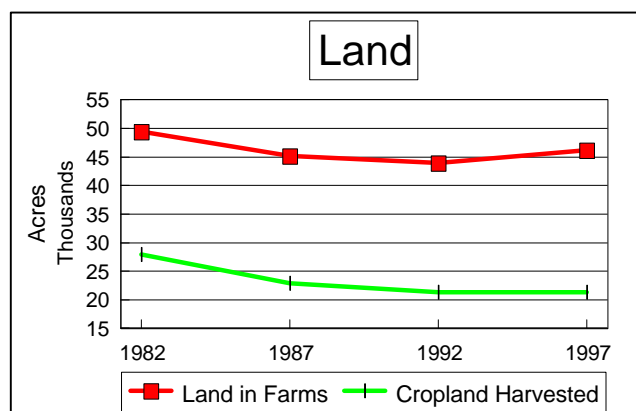
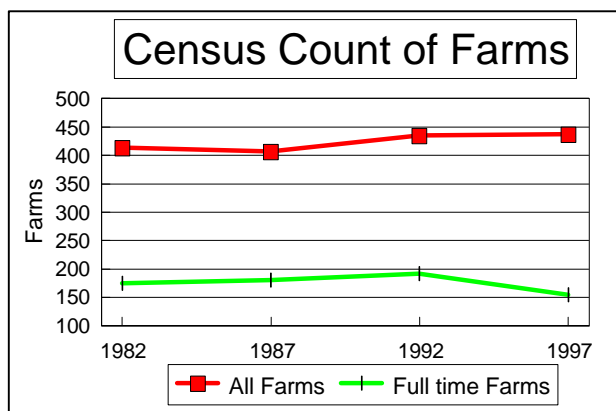
Increased 11 percent to \$14,026,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$29,066 in 1992 to \$32,096 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	14,026	13	20	2,345	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,955	15	20	1,757	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,070	8	20	2,457	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,650	13	20	304	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,402	2	19	2,376	3,063
Dairy products	1,354	8	14	1,259	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,120	5	19	826	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	833	16	20	594	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	18	186	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	4	14	746	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	2,626	5	19	2,542	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,086	4	19	777	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	12	20	1,089	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	3	19	80	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	8,137	5	20	823	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	4,660	6	20	2,612	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,241	4	18	796	2,864
Broiler inventory	(D)	3	18	777	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,419	4	20	1,577	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,003	10	17	1,515	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,750	10	15	1,335	2,144
All nursery-acres	1,421	8	20	201	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	1,279	6	14	914	2,473

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	287	281	2
\$10,000 or more	150	154	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	12,070	10,166	19
Average per farmdollars..	27,620	23,264	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,322	962	37
Average per farmdollars..	3,025	2,201	37
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	351	352	-0
Partnership or corporation	79	78	1
Other	7	5	40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	155	192	-19
Other	282	243	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	366	361	1
Female	71	74	-4
Operators by race:			
White	433	432	0
Black and other races	4	3	33
Average age of operator	58.0	57.4	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.