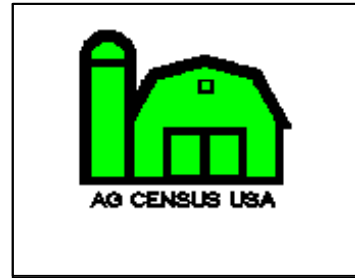


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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 75,531 acres in 1992 to 73,001 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 95 acres in 1992 to 88 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 296 farms in 1992 to 278 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

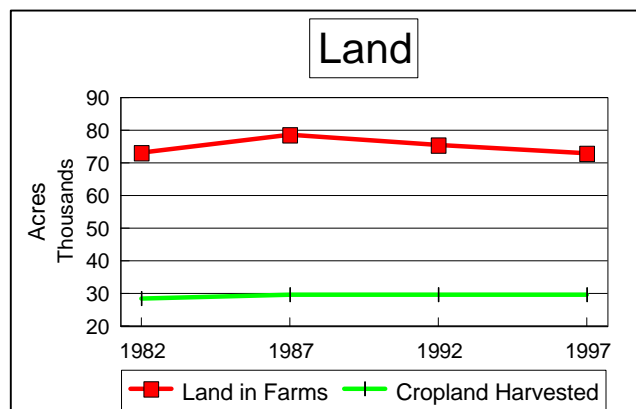
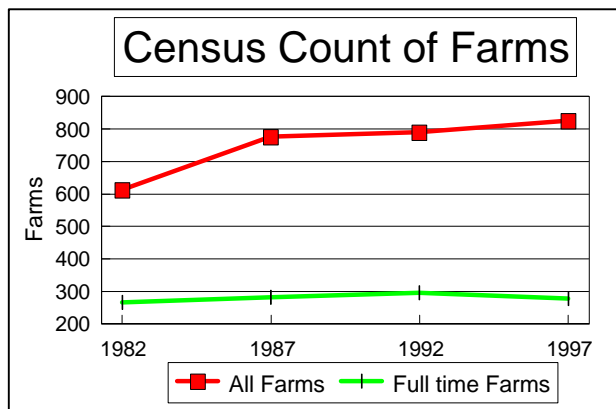
Decreased 3 percent to \$19,187,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 7 percent from \$24,984 in 1992 to \$23,201 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	19,187	11	20	2,140	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	11,269	13	20	1,684	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,918	4	20	2,050	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,917	15	20	336	2,790
Dairy products	5,577	3	14	585	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,724	11	20	294	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,535	2	19	555	3,043
Cattle and calves	1,358	3	19	2,393	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	26,428	4	18	159	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	3,461	4	19	2,401	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,666	6	20	938	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	1,293	3	19	680	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,248	7	14	898	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	21,018	4	19	93	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	7,863	4	20	2,336	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,227	7	20	887	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	2,088	4	20	196	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,673	2	18	631	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	19,287	2	20	1,071	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,475	2	14	338	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	3,507	9	17	1,464	2,691
All nursery-acres	1,435	7	20	199	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,243	11	20	395	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	615	561	10
\$10,000 or more	212	230	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,086	16,819	-4
Average per farmdollars..	19,451	21,263	-9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,646	2,615	1
Average per farmdollars..	3,199	3,306	-3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	742	705	5
Partnership or corporation	82	80	3
Other	3	6	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	278	296	-6
Other	549	495	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	710	688	3
Female	117	103	14
Operators by race:			
White	824	787	5
Black and other races	3	4	-25
Average age of operator	55.6	53.0	5

(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.