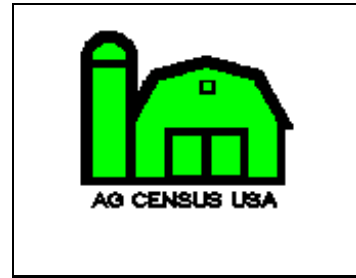


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### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 1,166,009 acres in 1992 to 1,081,057 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 2,444 acres in 1992 to 2,592 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 212 farms in 1992 to 200 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

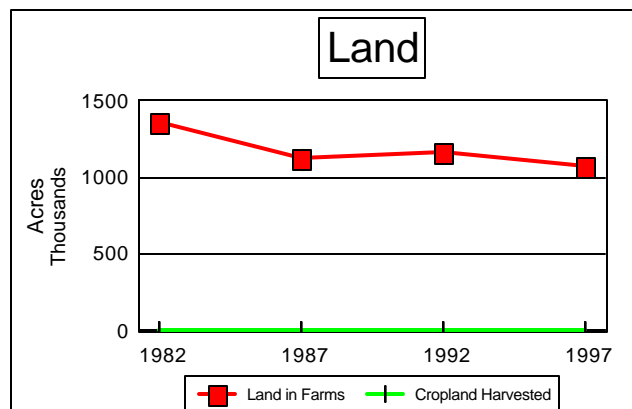
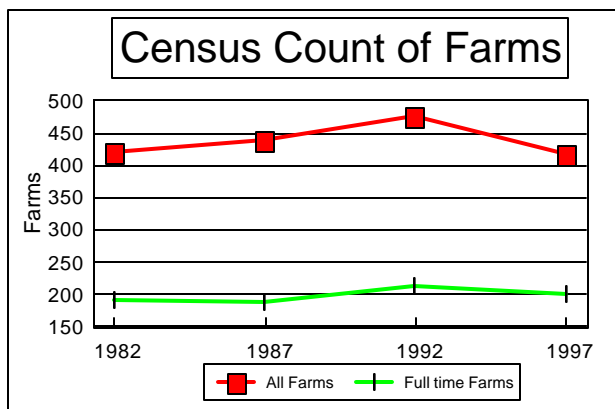
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 13 percent from \$20,522 in 1992 to \$23,247 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                   | 9,694    | 28    | 33        | 2,517 | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 6,234    | 28    | 33        | 2,220 | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 3,460    | 19    | 32        | 2,299 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves   | 5,163    | 27    | 32        | 1,443 | 3,063     |
| Fruits, nuts, berries                                       | 2,324    | 3     | 29        | 211   | 2,547     |
| Sheep, lambs, and wool                                      | 720      | 6     | 32        | 153   | 2,787     |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds                       | 687      | 23    | 32        | 1,308 | 3,043     |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops                                | 232      | 14    | 27        | 1,706 | 2,790     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 12,352   | 27    | 32        | 1,419 | 3,063     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 8,676    | 6     | 32        | 145   | 2,765     |
| All goats sold  | 524      | 5     | 28        | 173   | 2,686     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | 348      | 8     | 20        | 1,038 | 2,200     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 181      | 13    | 30        | 2,426 | 2,976     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 25,414   | 27    | 32        | 1,298 | 3,064     |
| Sheep and lamb inventory                                    | 14,493   | 6     | 32        | 108   | 2,864     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 1,300    | 12    | 33        | 502   | 3,066     |
| All goat inventory  | 837      | 7     | 32        | 240   | 2,983     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | 710      | 4     | 31        | 838   | 2,884     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Land in orchards-acres                                      | 2,407    | 3     | 30        | 193   | 2,693     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 1,990    | 24    | 32        | 2,714 | 3,061     |
| Cotton-acres (D)  | (D)      | 10    | 11        | 574   | 713       |
| Oats-acres (D)  | (D)      | 18    | 24        | 1,979 | 2,332     |
| Land used for vegetables-acres                              | 29       | 19    | 29        | 1,797 | 2,741     |

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 .....                       | 306    | 354    | -14            |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 111    | 123    | -10            |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 8,195  | 8,061  | 2              |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 19,651 | 16,899 | 16             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 539    | 991    | -46            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 1,294  | 2,077  | -38            |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 369    | 419    | -12            |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 40     | 49     | -18            |
| Other .....                                    | 8      | 9      | -11            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 200    | 212    | -6             |
| Other .....                                    | 217    | 265    | -18            |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 359    | 413    | -13            |
| Female .....                                   | 58     | 64     | -9             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 413    | 454    | -9             |
| Black and other races .....                    | 4      | 23     | -83            |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 58.2   | 55.0   | 6              |

(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.