

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 54,986 acres in 1992 to 48,196 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 282 acres in 1992 to 245 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 100 farms in 1992 to 83 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

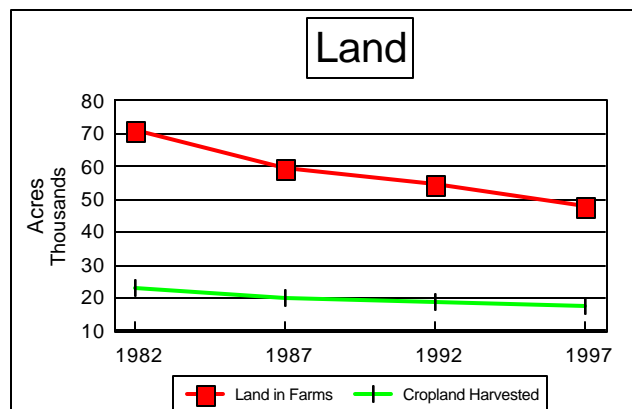
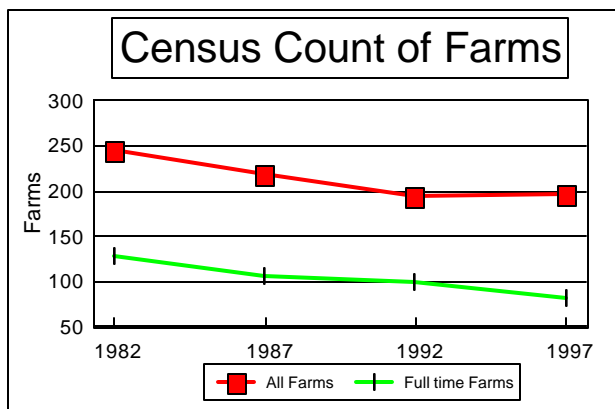
Decreased 4 percent to \$8,006,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 5 percent from \$42,887 in 1992 to \$40,639 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	8,006	51	61	2,615	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,474	49	58	2,303	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,532	52	61	2,429	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	4,764	46	53	656	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	22	57	328	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	665	44	56	1,345	3,043
Cattle and calves	644	47	56	2,702	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	296	58	61	1,561	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	1,806	48	56	2,680	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	340	43	55	1,461	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	203	46	56	2,393	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	41	54	1,231	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	30	47	1,317	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,370	47	56	2,450	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	743	45	56	1,371	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	353	50	57	2,024	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	275	48	55	1,716	2,864
All goat inventory	140	38	54	1,469	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	15,284	45	56	1,290	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,440	47	54	587	2,473
Maple trees tapped-acres	613	14	51	53	427
Land in orchards-acres	316	25	56	599	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	253	46	59	860	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 .....	114	104	10
\$10,000 or more .....	83	91	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	7,645	7,975	-4
Average per farm .....dollars..	38,418	40,691	-6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	635	722	-12
Average per farm .....dollars..	3,192	3,682	-13
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	163	159	3
Partnership or corporation .....	30	33	-9
Other .....	4	3	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	83	100	-17
Other .....	114	95	20
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	168	158	6
Female .....	29	37	-22
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	195	194	1
Black and other races .....	2	1	100
Average age of operator .....	53.9	51.3	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.