

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 70,404 acres in 1992 to 72,928 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 159 acres in 1992 to 155 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 241 farms in 1992 to 235 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

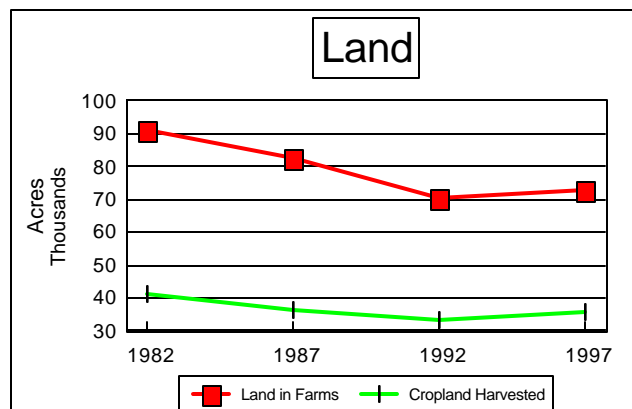
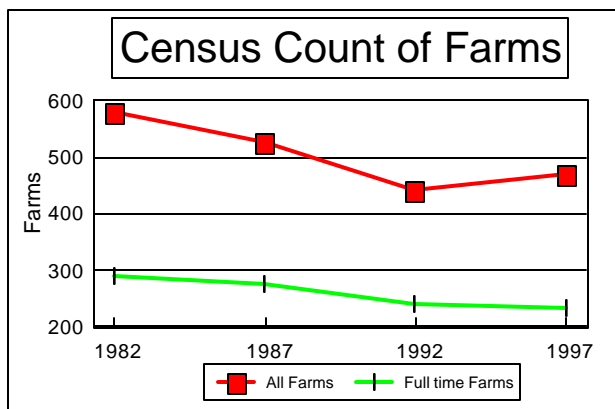
Increased 25 percent to \$29,855,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 18 percent from \$53,769 in 1992 to \$63,252 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	29,855	39	61	1,728	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	21,023	33	58	1,193	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,832	27	61	1,836	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	16,285	33	53	255	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,739	10	61	411	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	8	55	741	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,643	43	56	2,286	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,185	34	56	772	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	54	466	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	5,330	41	56	2,119	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	639	30	56	1,969	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	501	35	55	1,242	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	208	25	46	586	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	8	56	352	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	12	45	297	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	10	52	344	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	14,607	38	56	1,824	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,319	11	57	486	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	22,203	38	56	921	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	7,408	30	54	185	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	5,105	30	53	1,310	2,691
All nursery-acres	1,331	8	60	219	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	573	21	56	439	2,693

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 .....	263	252	4
\$10,000 or more .....	209	191	9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	25,526	20,147	27
Average per farm .....dollars..	53,740	45,480	18
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,661	2,878	27
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,707	6,497	19
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	393	384	2
Partnership or corporation .....	73	58	26
Other .....	6	1	500
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	235	241	-2
Other .....	237	202	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	398	374	6
Female .....	74	69	7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	471	442	7
Black and other races .....	1	1	
Average age of operator .....	54.4	54.8	-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.