

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 19,198 acres in 1992 to 18,168 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 127 acres in 1992 to 120 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 61 farms in 1992 to 59 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

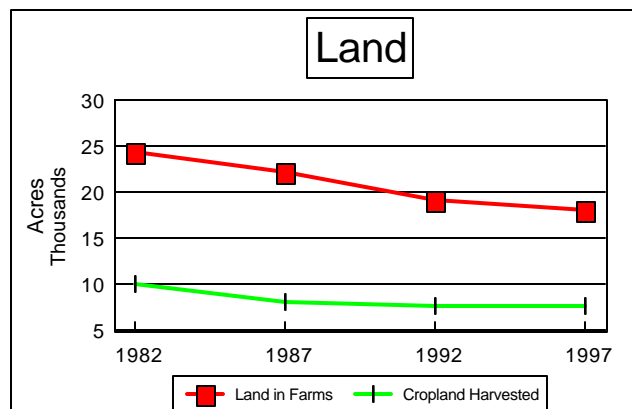
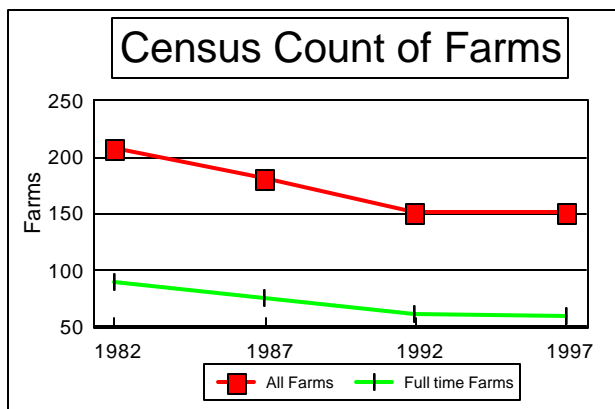
Decreased 48 percent to \$6,108,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 48 percent from \$77,636 in 1992 to \$40,447 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	6,108	52	61	2,705	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,386	40	61	2,191	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,721	52	58	2,776	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,310	15	61	531	2,790
Dairy products	958	50	53	1,436	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	567	33	59	701	2,739
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	22	55	1,081	2,901
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	365	50	56	1,918	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	24	54	793	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	533	50	56	2,919	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	215	45	56	2,376	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	57	52	55	2,224	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	28	48	56	2,199	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	17	56	661	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	1,713	50	56	2,863	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	536	41	57	1,504	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	199	43	56	2,269	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	156	51	55	1,976	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,543	50	56	2,085	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	421	50	54	1,515	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	299	41	59	803	2,741
All nursery-acres	299	41	60	758	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	141	51	53	2,312	2,691

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 .....	110	101	9
\$10,000 or more .....	41	50	-18
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	4,837	10,870	-56
Average per farm .....dollars..	31,411	71,511	-56
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	949	644	47
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,165	4,237	46
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	133	129	3
Partnership or corporation .....	17	21	-19
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	59	61	-3
Other .....	92	90	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	138	136	1
Female .....	13	15	-13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	150	149	1
Black and other races .....	1	2	-50
Average age of operator .....	56.1	56.8	-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.