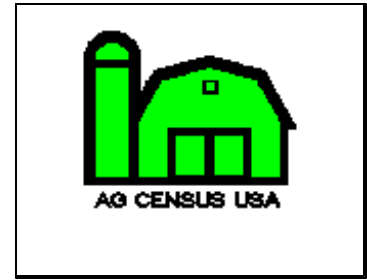


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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 35,353 acres in 1992 to 35,858 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 60 acres in 1992 to 59 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 409 farms in 1992 to 406 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

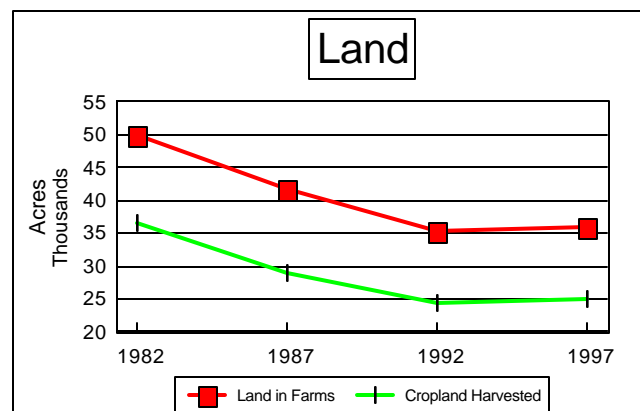
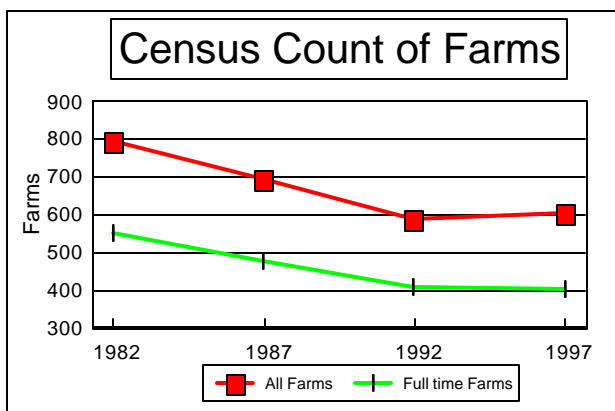
Increased 25 percent to \$167,858,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 22 percent from \$227,874 in 1992 to \$276,993 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	167,858	1	61	192	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	155,715	1	61	67	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	12,143	41	58	1,693	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	125,975	1	61	14	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	12,899	5	59	88	2,739
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	11,770	1	55	116	2,237
Poultry & poultry products	9,960	3	55	441	2,901
Fruits, nuts, berries	4,095	11	57	165	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,001,532	1	51	5	2,200
Turkeys sold	6,720	3	47	396	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	6	47	766	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	753	28	56	1,902	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	440	34	54	1,080	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	206,491	1	57	11	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,166	28	56	891	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	1,037	16	57	702	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	533	25	56	1,852	3,005
Broiler inventory	(D)	12	53	949	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
All nursery-acres	6,626	1	60	24	2,619
Potatoes-acres	5,906	1	52	48	1,733
Land used for vegetables-acres	5,404	10	59	129	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	2,588	9	56	181	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	2,115	41	53	1,623	2,691

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	170	175	-3
\$10,000 or more	436	412	6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	122,536	102,983	19
Average per farmdollars..	203,210	175,142	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	41,364	29,868	38
Average per farmdollars..	68,596	50,796	35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	329	350	-6
Partnership or corporation	272	231	18
Other	5	6	-17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	406	409	-1
Other	200	178	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	539	529	2
Female	67	58	16
Operators by race:			
White	595	578	3
Black and other races	11	9	22
Average age of operator	54.1	52.9	2

(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.