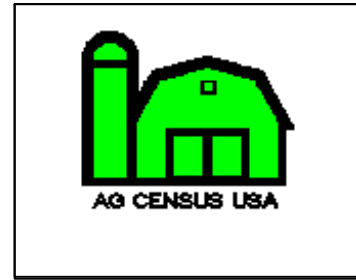


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### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 8,936,015 acres in 1992 to 9,122,379 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 172 acres in 1992 to 185 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 27,376 farms in 1992 to 24,355 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

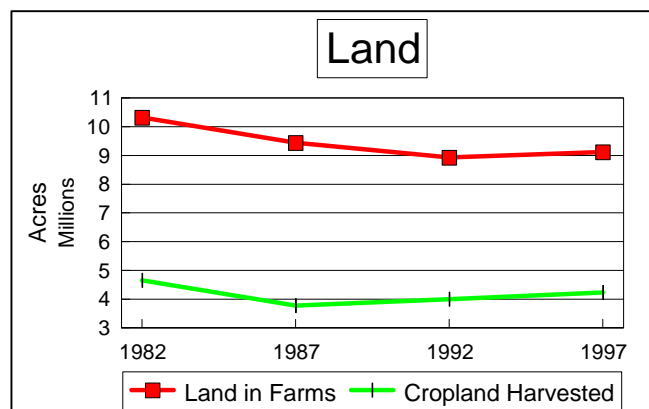
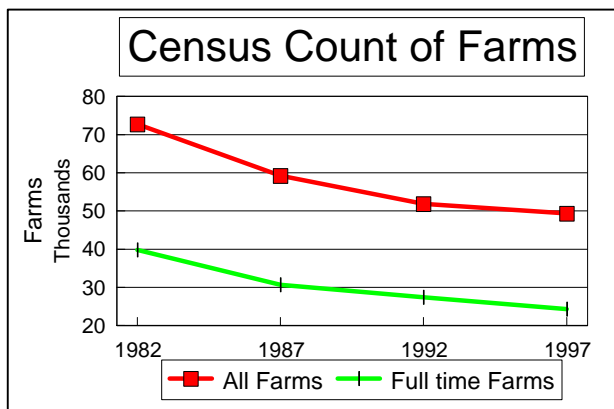
Increased 59 percent to \$7,676,523,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 67 percent from \$93,227 in 1992 to \$155,376 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	7,676,523	8	50
Value of livestock and poultry	5,081,310	6	50
Value of crops including nursery	2,595,213	12	50
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>			
Hogs and pigs	2,568,492	2	50
Poultry & poultry products	2,118,786	3	50
Tobacco	1,137,742	1	21
Nursery and greenhouse crops	318,203	8	50
Cotton, cottonseed	298,159	7	18
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	591,248,423	4	50
Turkeys sold	56,471,419	1	49
Hogs and pigs sold	36,431,039	1	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	24,553,211	4	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,127,014	8	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>			
Broiler inventory	106,156,781	4	50
All turkeys inventory	17,834,117	1	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	12,306,292	9	50
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,624,860	2	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	3,856,271	3	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>			
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,280,412	13	42
Corn for grain-acres	821,039	16	48
Cotton-acres	677,541	6	18
Wheat-acres	616,397	17	46
Hay crops-acres	602,755	31	50

### Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	26,556	26,834	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	22,850	25,020	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,673,379	3,817,833	49
Average per farm .....dollars..	114,885	73,621	56
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,601,413	912,136	76
Average per farm .....dollars..	32,423	17,589	84
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	42,887	45,273	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	6,292	6,339	-1
Other .....	227	242	-6
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	24,355	27,376	-11
Other .....	25,051	24,478	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	45,343	47,914	-5
Female .....	4,063	3,940	3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	47,295	49,356	-4
Black and other races .....	2,111	2,498	-15
Average age of operator .....	55.2	54.7	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.