

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 15 percent from 62,854 acres in 1992 to 72,264 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 124 acres in 1992 to 121 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 211 farms in 1992 to 237 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

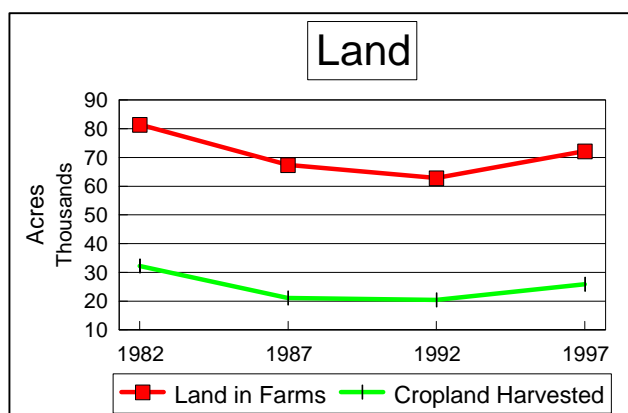
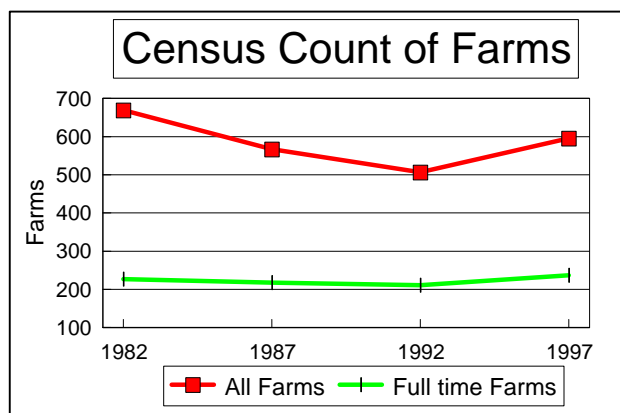
Increased 67 percent to \$24,396,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 27 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 73 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 42 percent from \$28,756 in 1992 to \$40,933 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	24,396	68	100	1,943	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	17,790	48	100	1,363	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,606	77	100	1,981	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	12,108	39	97	391	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,896	24	96	470	2,790
Dairy products	2,693	22	67	922	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,494	28	99	1,999	3,063
Soybeans	861	55	88	1,219	2,136
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,960,560	38	68	333	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	41	72	633	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,369	22	99	1,851	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	998	70	95	1,816	2,976
All goats sold	168	23	94	570	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	857,345	28	81	259	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	53,677	36	98	566	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	18,661	16	99	1,603	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	929	11	100	827	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	727	70	97	1,733	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	12,430	13	99	1,470	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,781	47	88	1,119	2,144
Wheat-acres	5,418	32	86	1,016	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	1,697	62	100	1,699	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,445	19	88	855	2,473

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 .....	444	381	17
\$10,000 or more .....	152	126	21
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	16,179	12,034	34
Average per farm .....dollars..	27,145	23,735	14
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,946	1,957	102
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,621	3,860	72
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	525	454	16
Partnership or corporation .....	70	52	35
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	237	211	12
Other .....	359	296	21
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	542	469	16
Female .....	54	38	42
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	590	499	18
Black and other races .....	6	8	-25
Average age of operator .....	57.7	58.9	-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.