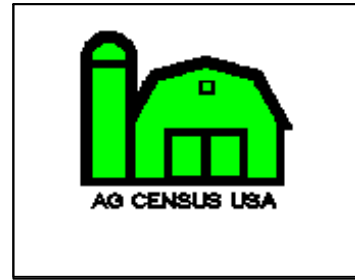


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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 88,386 acres in 1992 to 83,850 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 270 acres in 1992 to 303 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 213 farms in 1992 to 169 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

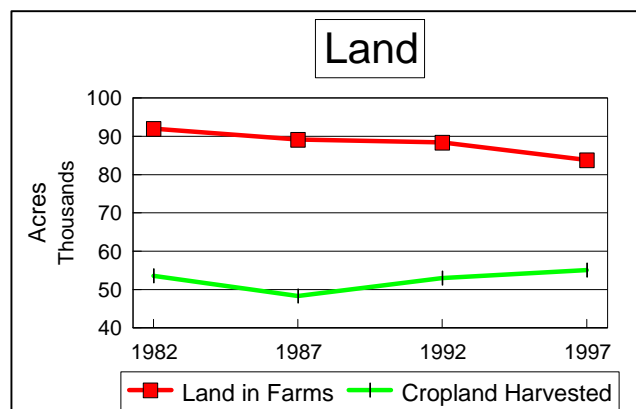
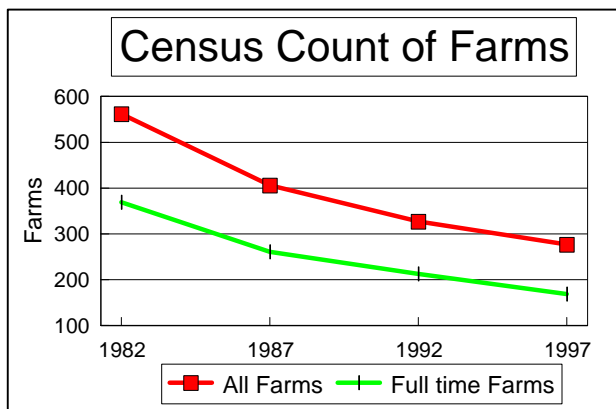
Increased 48 percent to \$66,933,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 74 percent from \$138,735 in 1992 to \$241,636 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	66,933	34	100	873	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	35,405	24	100	815	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	31,529	37	100	848	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	30,666	17	95	98	2,976
Tobacco	19,898	23	86	38	580
Cotton, cottonseed	6,844	20	60	197	709
Corn for grain	2,907	26	97	989	2,582
Soybeans	2,545	27	88	924	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	664,792	13	95	27	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	14	63	335	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	1,568	65	99	2,716	3,063
All goats sold	104	41	94	876	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	88	96	2,910	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	108,144	19	97	141	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	10	86	264	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	2,059	75	99	2,832	3,064
All goat inventory	234	56	98	1,027	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	171	69	98	2,395	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	17,556	16	60	198	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	15,630	28	88	868	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	12,973	22	100	976	2,691
Wheat-acres	5,945	30	86	981	2,612
Tobacco-acres	5,350	24	86	43	583

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	101	113	-11
\$10,000 or more	176	214	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	50,748	34,954	45
Average per farmdollars..	182,546	107,222	70
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	15,411	9,142	69
Average per farmdollars..	55,435	28,044	98
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	229	265	-14
Partnership or corporation	45	57	-21
Other	3	5	-40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	169	213	-21
Other	108	114	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	258	309	-17
Female	19	18	6
Operators by race:			
White	250	300	-17
Black and other races	27	27	
Average age of operator	54.8	54.1	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.