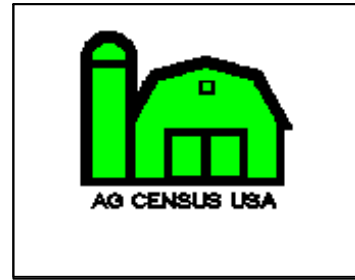


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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 180,400 acres in 1992 to 171,589 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 480 acres in 1992 to 545 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 254 farms in 1992 to 210 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

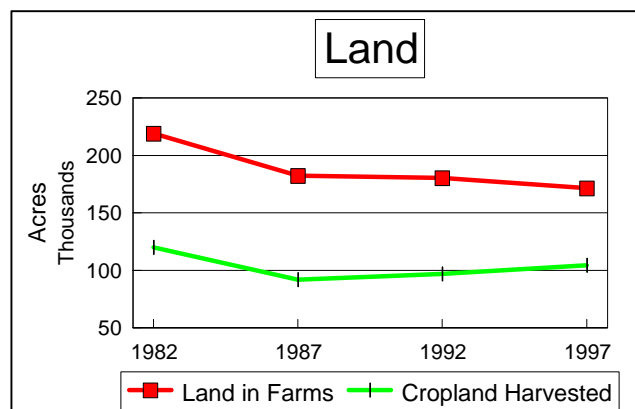
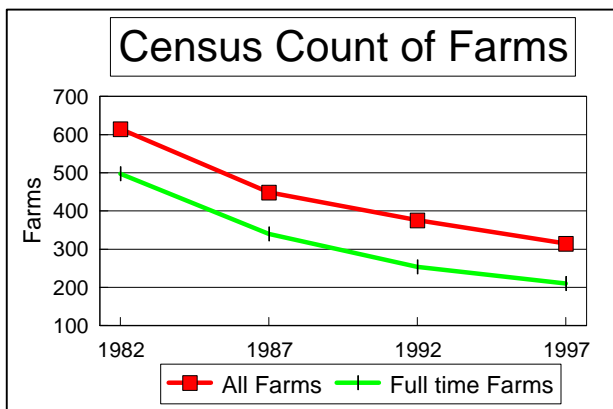
Increased 103 percent to \$148,778,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 143 percent from \$194,563 in 1992 to \$472,312 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	148,778	13	100	245	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	84,022	17	100	254	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	64,756	12	100	359	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	68,168	12	95	29	2,976
Tobacco	29,361	15	86	20	580
Cotton, cottonseed	16,325	5	60	102	709
Poultry & poultry products	15,011	36	97	353	2,901
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	8,728	8	97	148	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	7,498,615	19	68	218	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	679,678	12	95	25	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	55,000	40	72	614	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,460	56	99	2,570	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	24	63	764	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,149,900	21	81	226	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	168,909	13	97	71	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	72,094	28	98	499	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	17	72	220	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	3,970	63	99	2,667	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	38,939	4	60	92	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	21,796	20	88	772	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	19,206	17	100	834	2,691
Peanuts-acres	10,932	6	45	48	466
Wheat-acres	8,879	24	86	810	2,612

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	91	84	8
\$10,000 or more	224	292	-23
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	95,549	57,297	67
Average per farmdollars..	303,329	152,793	99
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	47,353	13,448	252
Average per farmdollars..	150,326	35,861	319
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	236	293	-19
Partnership or corporation	76	79	-4
Other	3	4	-25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	210	254	-17
Other	105	122	-14
Operators by sex:			
Male	300	362	-17
Female	15	14	7
Operators by race:			
White	299	354	-16
Black and other races	16	22	-27
Average age of operator	52.9	53.5	-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.