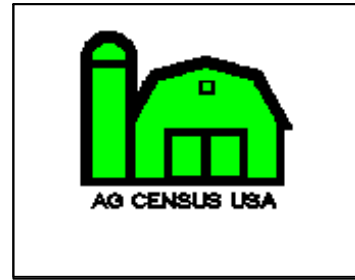


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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 75,496 acres in 1992 to 76,439 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 387 acres in 1992 to 452 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 135 farms in 1992 to 123 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

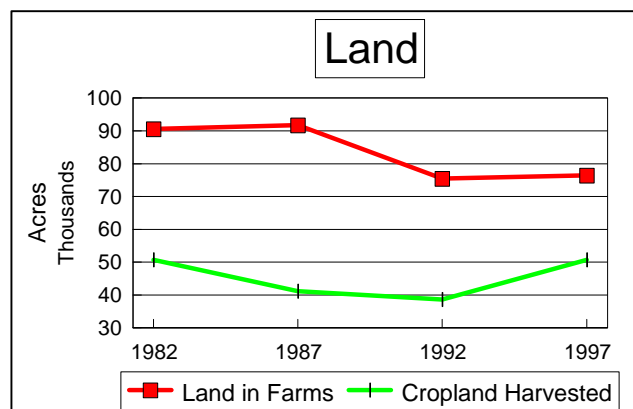
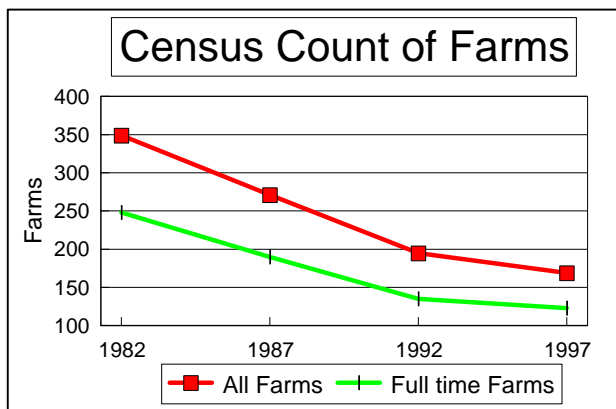
Increased 57 percent to \$60,556,000 in 1997.

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 81 percent from \$197,992 in 1992 to \$358,317 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	60,556	39	100	976	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	33,696	36	100	795	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	26,859	33	100	1,036	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	19,618	25	97	289	2,901
Hogs and pigs	14,012	29	95	255	2,976
Cotton, cottonseed	8,279	13	60	172	709
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	7,837	9	97	162	2,237
Tobacco	6,820	40	86	131	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	10,192,800	17	68	187	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	159,996	30	95	220	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	215	93	99	2,986	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	67	94	1,552	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	77	83	2,720	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,702,800	17	81	180	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	72,281	27	97	225	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	436	92	99	2,991	3,064
All goat inventory	69	79	98	2,015	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	68	85	100	2,927	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	19,035	12	60	183	713
Peanuts-acres	11,245	5	45	47	466
Corn for grain-acres	10,730	30	100	1,057	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,368	50	88	1,137	2,144
Tobacco-acres	2,291	39	86	119	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	23	29	-21
\$10,000 or more	146	166	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	49,244	29,734	66
Average per farmdollars..	293,117	152,482	92
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,476	7,097	62
Average per farmdollars..	68,309	36,393	88
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	125	138	-9
Partnership or corporation	44	57	-23
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	123	135	-9
Other	46	60	-23
Operators by sex:			
Male	157	187	-16
Female	12	8	50
Operators by race:			
White	153	172	-11
Black and other races	16	23	-30
Average age of operator	53.2	54.0	-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.