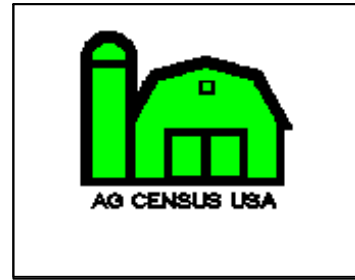


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### Land in farms

Increased 21 percent from 37,434 acres in 1992 to 45,205 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 124 acres in 1992 to 145 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 144 farms in 1992 to 139 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

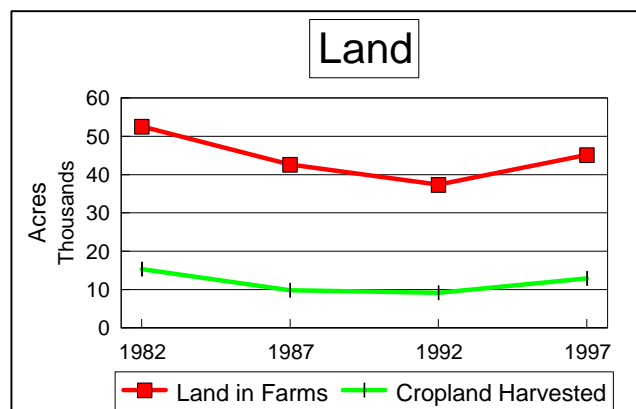
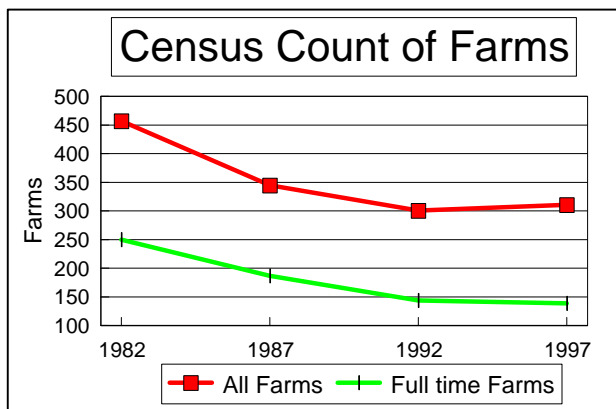
Increased 67 percent to \$26,078,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 62 percent from \$51,896 in 1992 to \$83,853 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	26,078	65	100	1,883	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	15,433	55	100	1,465	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,645	60	100	1,815	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	12,883	32	86	73	580
Poultry & poultry products	8,741	46	97	477	2,901
Cattle and calves	950	53	99	2,567	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	57	95	1,036	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	726	63	96	1,141	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,050,279	33	68	294	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	30	46	308	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	49	95	791	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	48	72	850	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,447	57	99	2,574	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	793,200	30	81	266	2,620
All turkeys inventory	(D)	29	74	282	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	55	97	1,097	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	3,718	64	99	2,678	3,064
All goat inventory	366	34	98	656	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Tobacco-acres	3,494	33	86	78	583
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,165	62	88	1,296	2,144
Hay crops-acres	2,011	70	99	2,710	3,061
Cotton-acres	1,568	40	60	444	713
Corn for grain-acres	1,154	71	100	1,816	2,691

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 .....	181	157	15
\$10,000 or more .....	130	144	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	19,111	12,256	56
Average per farm .....dollars..	61,648	40,717	51
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,935	3,498	12
Average per farm .....dollars..	12,693	11,622	9
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	284	276	3
Partnership or corporation .....	24	24	
Other .....	3	1	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	139	144	-3
Other .....	172	157	10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	285	276	3
Female .....	26	25	4
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	305	292	4
Black and other races .....	6	9	-33
Average age of operator .....	55.2	52.3	6

(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.