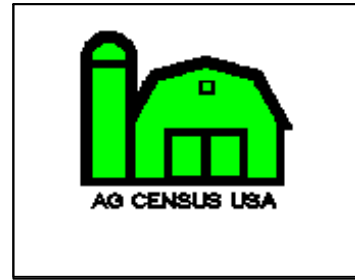


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Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 27,901 acres in 1992 to 29,015 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 100 acres in 1992 to 98 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased slightly from 132 farms in 1992 to 133 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

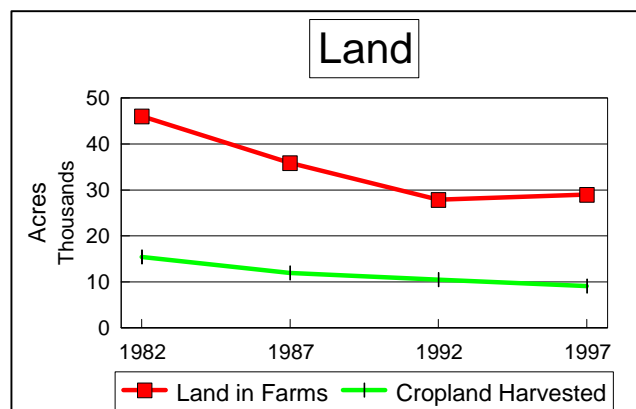
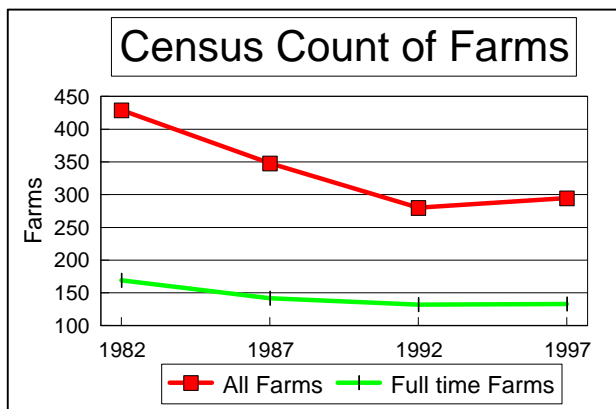
Increased 22 percent to \$43,002,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 16 percent from \$125,400 in 1992 to \$145,769 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	43,002	47	100	1,362	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	34,134	25	100	846	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,867	67	100	1,958	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	33,092	1	96	58	2,790
Dairy products	5,848	10	67	565	2,563
Cattle and calves	1,973	32	99	2,175	3,063
Horses and ponies	535	4	96	243	3,015
Tobacco	(D)	72	86	370	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	63	59	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	4,938	35	99	2,179	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	81	95	2,637	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	63	37	83	2,189	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	55	36	96	1,543	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	86	30	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	10,052	37	99	2,141	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	520	32	100	1,537	3,066
All goat inventory	155	71	98	1,388	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	146	72	98	2,482	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,060	44	99	2,279	3,061
Wheat-acres	1,688	67	86	1,497	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,187	72	88	1,540	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	929	24	88	1,099	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	322	82	100	2,168	2,691

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	210	214	-2
\$10,000 or more	85	66	29
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,002	28,337	13
Average per farmdollars..	108,481	101,205	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,618	6,433	50
Average per farmdollars..	32,604	22,974	42
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	244	237	3
Partnership or corporation	50	42	19
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	133	132	1
Other	162	148	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	262	253	4
Female	33	27	22
Operators by race:			
White	293	278	5
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	58.2	58.1	0

(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.