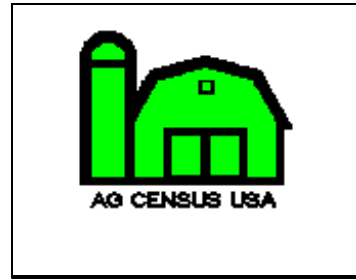


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Land in farms

Increased 56 percent from 3,486 acres in 1992 to 5,435 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 73 percent from 51 acres in 1992 to 88 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

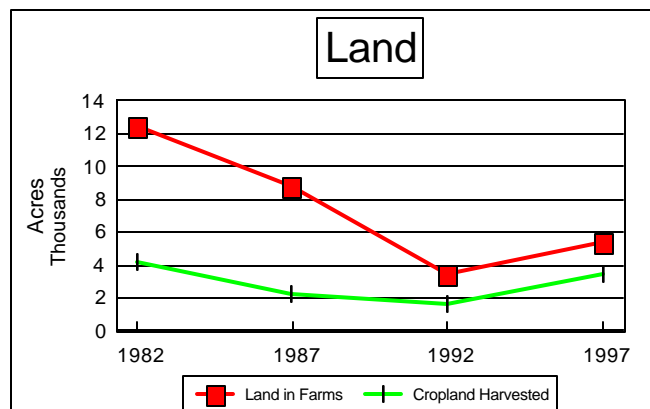
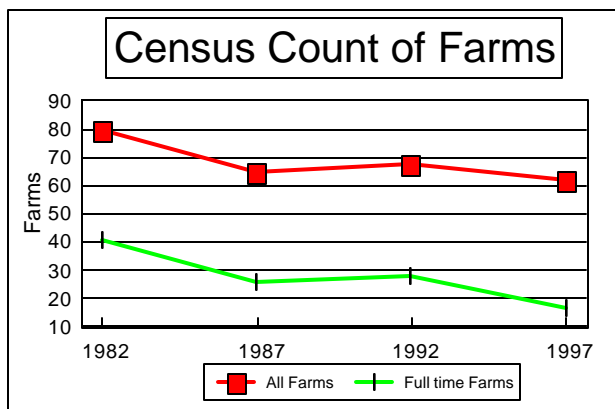
Decreased 39 percent from 28 farms in 1992 to 17 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 71 percent to \$4,325,000 in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 87 percent from \$37,286 in 1992 to \$69,753 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	4,325	94	100	2,803	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	(D)	89	100	2,304	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	(D)	93	100	2,894	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,694	27	96	597	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	66	97	992	2,901
Soybeans	341	68	88	1,415	2,136
Corn for grain	318	60	97	1,703	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	37	86	98	1,781	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	63	25	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	52	72	897	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	(D)	99	99	3,052	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	63	96	2,523	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	94	94	2,650	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	9	86	166	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	50	98	1,306	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	29	72	871	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	28	51	650	1,790
Horse and pony inventory	74	82	100	2,913	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,162	69	88	1,392	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,035	72	100	1,855	2,691
All nursery-acres	96	52	95	1,223	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	35	79	98	1,719	2,741
Total berries-acres	(D)	15	88	376	2,058

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	35	42	-17
\$10,000 or more	27	26	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,182	1,930	65
Average per farmdollars..	51,330	28,378	81
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,142	606	88
Average per farmdollars..	18,423	8,907	107
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	46	52	-12
Partnership or corporation	15	15	
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	17	28	-39
Other	45	40	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	54	61	-11
Female	8	7	14
Operators by race:			
White	60	65	-8
Black and other races	2	3	-33
Average age of operator	57.1	58.9	-3

(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.