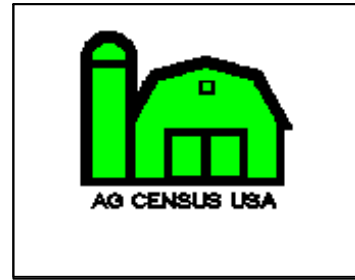


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Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 144,529 acres in 1992 to 155,460 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 25 percent from 323 acres in 1992 to 404 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 288 farms in 1992 to 257 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

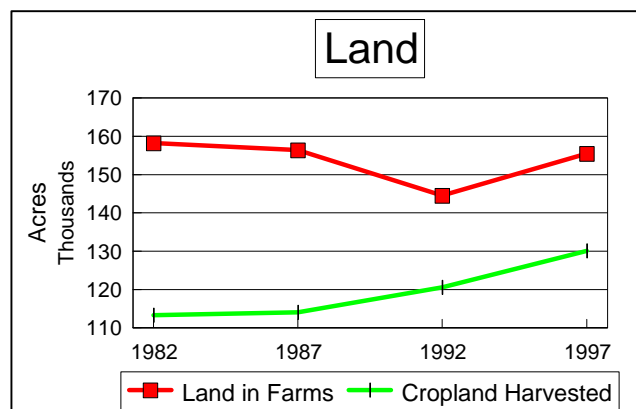
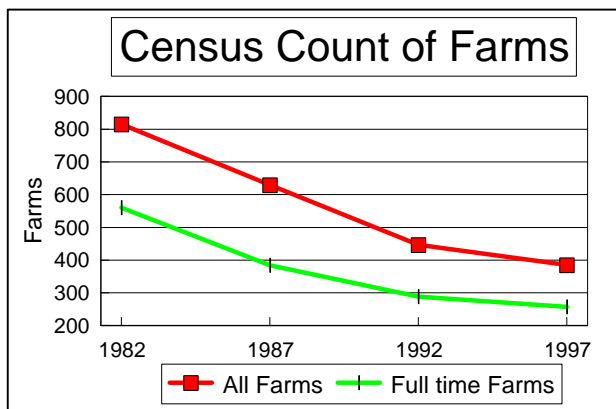
Increased 52 percent to \$81,695,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 76 percent from \$120,476 in 1992 to \$212,196 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 | 81,695 | 29 | 100 | 689 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 55,711 | 14 | 100 | 462 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 25,984 | 40 | 100 | 999 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs | 23,943 | 21 | 95 | 134 | 2,976 |
| Tobacco | 17,582 | 25 | 86 | 46 | 580 |
| Soybeans | 13,937 | 1 | 88 | 435 | 2,136 |
| Corn for grain | 12,881 | 1 | 97 | 481 | 2,582 |
| Wheat | 7,178 | 1 | 85 | 282 | 2,578 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 358,703 | 20 | 95 | 75 | 2,976 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | (D) | 58 | 68 | 559 | 1,882 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 18 | 63 | 495 | 2,200 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 382 | 88 | 99 | 2,941 | 3,063 |
| All goats sold | 111 | 40 | 94 | 836 | 2,686 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 101,729 | 20 | 97 | 158 | 3,005 |
| Broiler inventory | (D) | 59 | 81 | 553 | 2,620 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory | (D) | 18 | 86 | 436 | 2,884 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 920 | 89 | 99 | 2,943 | 3,064 |
| All goat inventory | 216 | 60 | 98 | 1,101 | 2,983 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | 68,166 | 2 | 88 | 383 | 2,144 |
| Corn for grain-acres | 48,353 | 1 | 100 | 521 | 2,691 |
| Wheat-acres | 45,878 | 1 | 86 | 324 | 2,612 |
| Tobacco-acres | 4,681 | 27 | 86 | 51 | 583 |
| Cotton-acres | 4,602 | 30 | 60 | 333 | 713 |

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 | 117 | 139 | -16 |
| \$10,000 or more | 268 | 308 | -13 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 57,172 | 43,204 | 32 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 148,114 | 96,870 | 53 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 20,087 | 9,541 | 111 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 52,038 | 21,393 | 143 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 302 | 380 | -21 |
| Partnership or corporation | 82 | 66 | 24 |
| Other | 1 | 1 | |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 257 | 288 | -11 |
| Other | 128 | 159 | -19 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 366 | 431 | -15 |
| Female | 19 | 16 | 19 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 364 | 425 | -14 |
| Black and other races | 21 | 22 | -5 |
| Average age of operator | 53.2 | 52.3 | 2 |

(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.