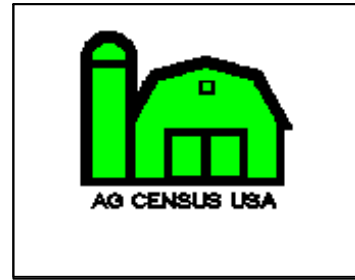


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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 67,716 acres in 1992 to 66,584 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 23 percent from 234 acres in 1992 to 287 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 31 percent from 177 farms in 1992 to 123 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

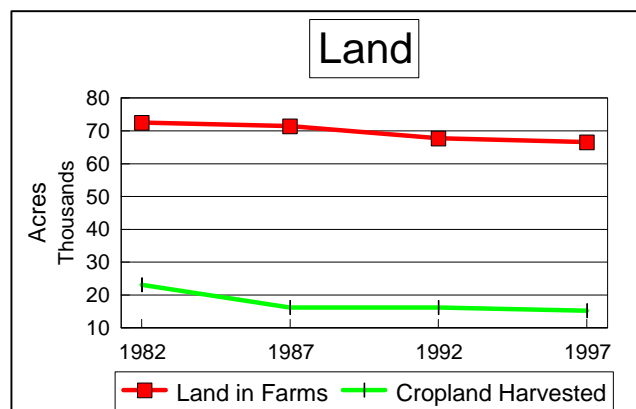
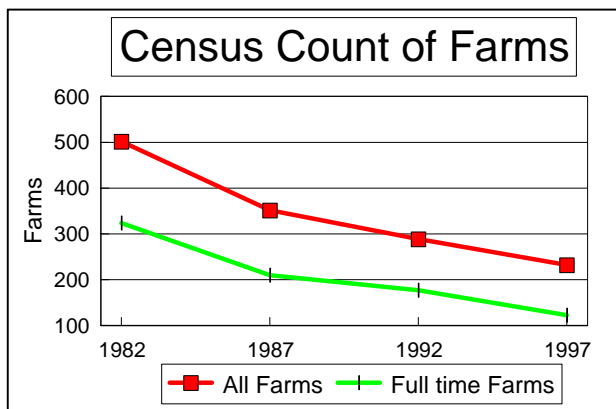
Increased 7 percent to \$19,567,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 34 percent from \$63,052 in 1992 to \$84,341 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	19,567	75	100	2,126	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	19,052	48	100	1,297	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	515	98	100	2,953	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	16,226	26	86	50	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	44	96	817	2,790
Soybeans	711	58	88	1,256	2,136
Wheat	483	44	85	1,205	2,578
Cattle and calves	471	71	99	2,773	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	1,248	72	99	2,781	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	82	95	2,669	2,976
All goats sold	62	54	94	1,258	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	55	36	96	1,543	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	63	72	1,913	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,351	72	99	2,800	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	313	54	100	2,161	3,066
All goat inventory	158	69	98	1,370	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	81	97	2,558	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	72	86	2,543	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	5,297	57	88	1,188	2,144
Tobacco-acres	4,762	26	86	50	583
Wheat-acres	3,706	45	86	1,195	2,612
Hay crops-acres	1,954	71	99	2,720	3,061
Field seeds-acres	(D)	2	35	369	1,212

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 .....	97	105	-8
\$10,000 or more .....	135	184	-27
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	10,918	12,110	-10
Average per farm .....dollars..	47,060	41,903	12
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,473	5,350	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	19,282	18,512	4
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	197	239	-18
Partnership or corporation .....	33	45	-27
Other .....	2	5	-60
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	123	177	-31
Other .....	109	112	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	201	264	-24
Female .....	31	25	24
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	216	260	-17
Black and other races .....	16	29	-45
Average age of operator .....	55.7	54.7	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.