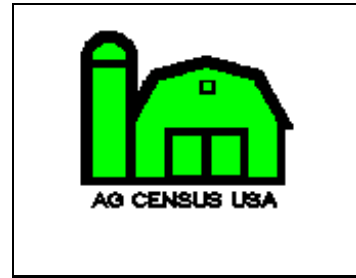


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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 818,893 acres in 1992 to 793,839 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 3,384 acres in 1992 to 3,350 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 189 farms in 1992 to 175 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

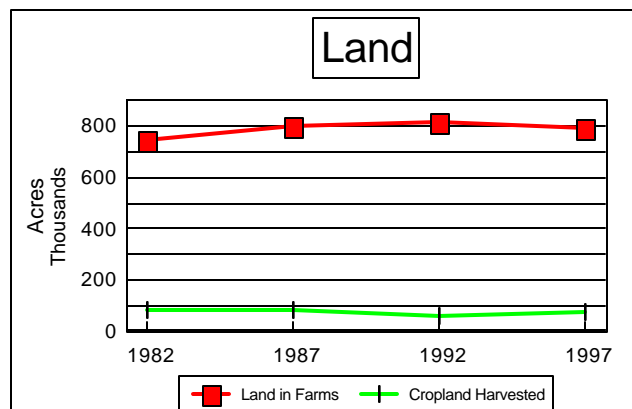
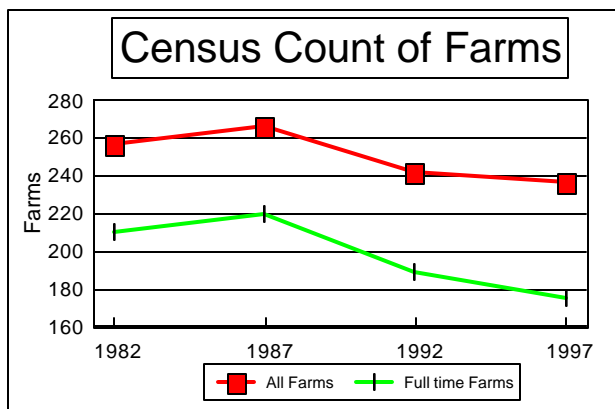
Increased 18 percent to \$12,190,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 20 percent from \$42,814 in 1992 to \$51,435 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	12,190	53	53	2,410	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,537	36	53	1,992	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,653	52	53	2,275	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	7,665	33	53	1,124	3,063
Wheat	2,659	52	53	561	2,578
Dairy products	584	29	51	1,669	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	368	46	53	1,907	3,043
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	263	51	53	522	1,971
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	17,858	27	53	1,098	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	681	40	53	1,055	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	386	44	53	2,163	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	73	26	53	1,261	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	13	30	1,782	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	29,595	29	53	1,148	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	27	43	408	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	583	21	53	1,387	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	538	39	53	1,846	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	427	52	53	1,486	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	34,770	33	53	541	3,061
Wheat-acres	31,652	53	53	419	2,612
Oats-acres	5,814	30	53	98	2,332
Barley-acres	2,392	52	53	256	1,411
Sunflower seed-acres	1,300	46	53	163	674

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	57	50	14
\$10,000 or more	180	192	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,792	8,966	9
Average per farmdollars..	41,315	36,896	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,027	1,692	20
Average per farmdollars..	8,553	6,964	23
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	207	214	-3
Partnership or corporation	26	25	4
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	175	189	-7
Other	62	53	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	221	223	-1
Female	16	19	-16
Operators by race:			
White	237	242	-2
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.4	50.4	8

(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.