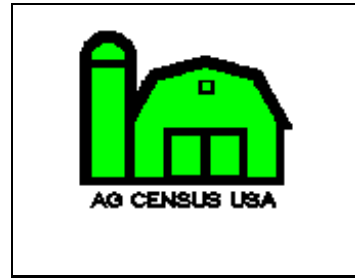


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Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 1,160,916 acres in 1992 to 1,207,702 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 1,049 acres in 1992 to 1,030 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 816 farms in 1992 to 809 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

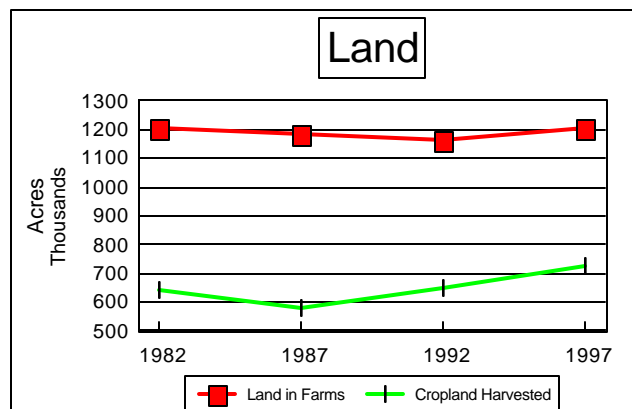
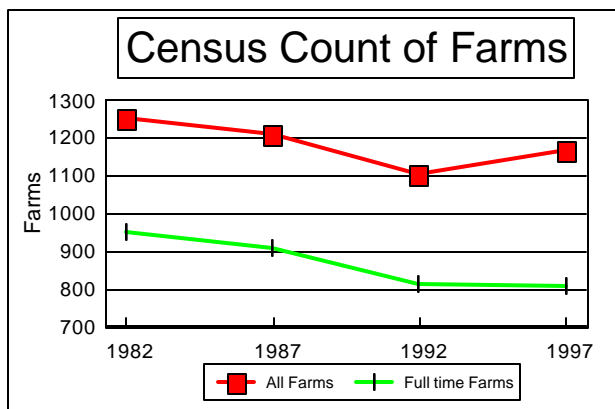
Increased 15 percent to \$82,909,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$65,193 in 1992 to \$70,742 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	82,909	8	53	670	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	68,630	9	53	328	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,280	18	53	1,559	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Wheat	49,598	1	53	9	2,578
Cattle and calves	10,553	15	53	852	3,063
Barley	8,582	5	53	19	1,167
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	5,915	25	53	123	1,971
Dairy products	2,033	12	51	1,051	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	39	614	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	28,963	1	31	152	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	22,933	16	53	854	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	20	53	1,292	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	18	926	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	42,209	15	53	765	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	3,421	16	43	175	2,588
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	3,421	1	49	317	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	20	53	1,238	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,755	24	53	609	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Wheat-acres	512,545	1	53	2	2,612
Barley-acres	91,746	6	53	12	1,411
Hay crops-acres	69,422	12	53	124	3,061
Sunflower seed-acres	19,323	24	53	38	674
Total canola and other rapeseed-acres	14,939	9	49	10	208

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	292	248	18
\$10,000 or more	880	859	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	69,505	54,582	27
Average per farmdollars..	59,304	49,261	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,964	17,216	-13
Average per farmdollars..	12,768	15,538	-18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,043	961	9
Partnership or corporation	118	144	-18
Other	11	2	450
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	809	816	-1
Other	363	291	25
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,108	1,075	3
Female	64	32	100
Operators by race:			
White	1,168	1,105	6
Black and other races	4	2	100
Average age of operator	51.1	50.2	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.