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Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 155,895 acres in 1992 to 149,319 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 152 acres in 1992 to 150 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

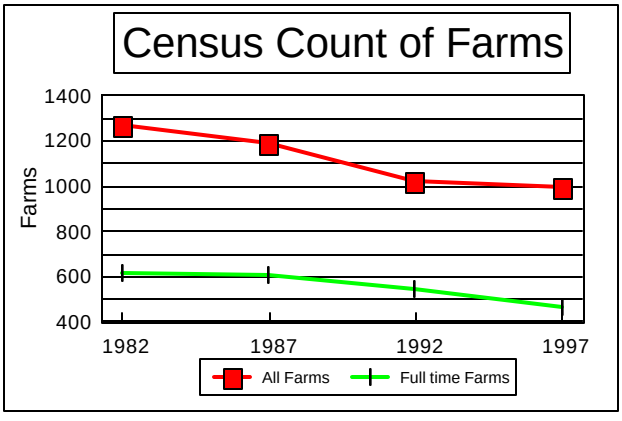
Decreased 16 percent from 549 farms in 1992 to 462 farms in 1997.

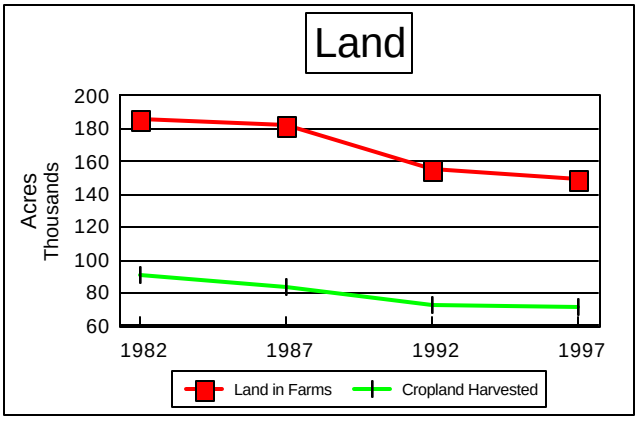
Market value of agricultural products sold

Decreased 4 percent to $34,907,000 in 1997.
Crop sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from $35,476 in 1992 to $35,153 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	34,907	56	88	1,573	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	19,663	23	88	1,263	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	15,244	59	88	1,467	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES ($1,000)					
Dairy products	15,219	9	87	268	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,663	20	88	352	2,790
Cattle and calves	3,574	43	88	1,730	3,063
Soybeans	3,131	57	87	869	2,136
Corn for grain	2,124	65	88	1,095	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	27	81	836	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,525	29	88	1,647	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	14	77	397	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	3,950	67	88	1,316	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	8	79	189	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	20,632	22	88	1,510	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	11,585	25	88	795	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,379	11	87	402	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,225	66	88	1,303	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,194	18	88	569	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	33,164	5	88	582	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	16,580	56	87	846	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	13,087	65	88	969	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	5,151	9	88	301	2,473
Wheat-acres	2,725	59	88	1,308	2,612

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	605	589	3
$10,000 or more	388	437	-11
Total farm production expenses ....$1,000..	30,969	28,384	9
Average per farm ....dollars..	31,251	27,664	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit ....$1,000..	4,571	6,294	-27
Average per farm ....dollars..	4,612	6,135	-25
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	885	919	-4
Partnership or corporation	105	104	1
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	462	549	-16
Other	531	477	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	888	924	-4
Female	105	102	3
Operators by race:			
White	982	1,013	-3
Black and other races	11	13	-15
Average age of operator	53.9	52.9	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.

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