

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 1,318,447 acres in 1992 to 1,257,201 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 1,112 acres in 1992 to 1,042 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 854 farms in 1992 to 803 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

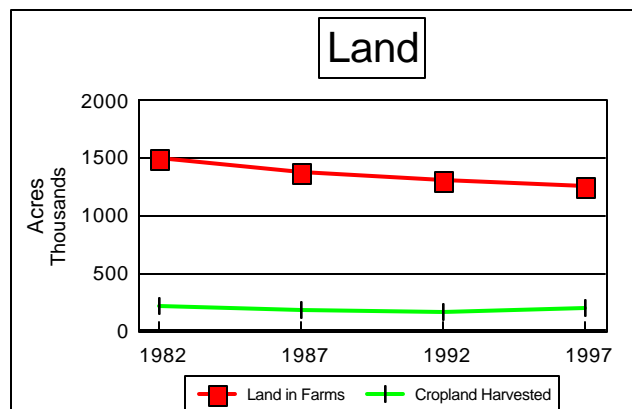
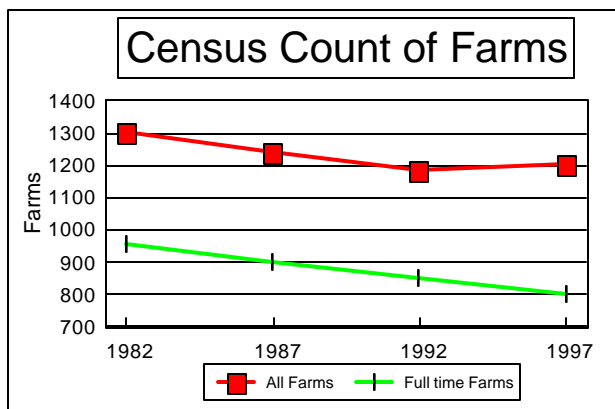
Increased 4 percent to \$208,218,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 2 percent from \$168,363 in 1992 to \$172,509 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	208,218	4	36	127	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	122,141	7	36	91	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	86,077	1	36	241	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	75,270	1	36	82	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	39,792	3	34	37	2,739
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	34,648	3	30	38	2,237
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	16,140	9	36	42	3,043
Wheat	14,556	5	31	134	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	134,650	1	36	69	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	8,000	9	36	155	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	501	16	36	2,056	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	316	10	36	169	3,015
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	20	32	1,165	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	181,478	1	36	39	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	10,029	8	36	147	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	4,517	5	32	133	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	3,314	5	36	70	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,023	15	36	686	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	96,913	4	36	48	3,061
Wheat-acres	43,365	6	31	337	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	14,132	3	34	45	2,741
Sugarbeets, sugar-acres	10,196	1	7	40	199
Corn for grain-acres	10,183	1	14	1,080	2,691

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 .....	396	401	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	811	785	3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	160,351	144,771	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	132,961	121,963	9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	45,741	54,378	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	37,928	45,811	-17
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	985	948	4
Partnership or corporation .....	207	235	-12
Other .....	15	3	400
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	803	854	-6
Other .....	404	332	22
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,108	1,097	1
Female .....	99	89	11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,126	1,107	2
Black and other races .....	81	79	3
Average age of operator .....	54.1	52.6	3

(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.