

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 167,880 acres in 1992 to 171,423 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 163 acres in 1992 to 149 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 483 farms in 1992 to 500 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

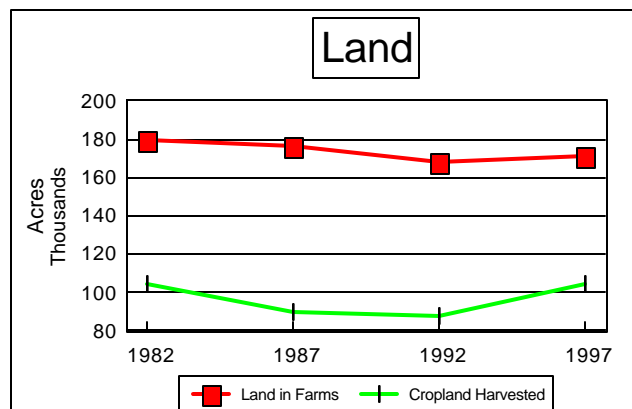
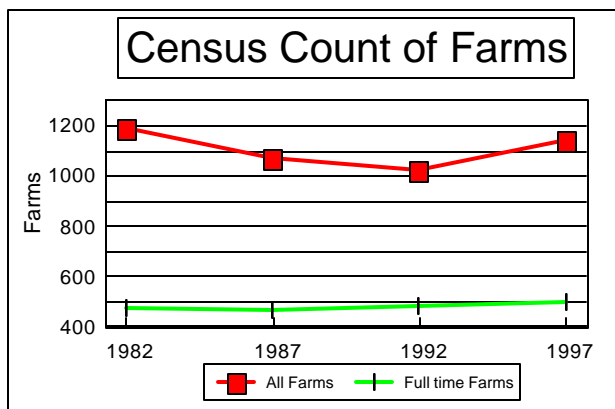
Increased 39 percent to \$91,094,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 24 percent from \$63,883 in 1992 to \$79,420 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	91,094	10	36	592	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	70,432	9	36	310	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	20,663	15	36	1,216	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	33,091	3	36	17	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	14,839	9	34	145	2,790
Dairy products	14,465	4	33	279	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	12,295	10	34	107	2,547
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	4,463	12	30	247	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	994,051	6	25	453	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	8,065	26	36	1,786	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	4,730	15	36	251	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,083	11	32	585	2,200
All goats sold	1,014	1	33	82	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	6	35	456	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	18,660	26	36	1,604	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	9,980	9	36	148	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,711	11	36	499	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,603	18	36	324	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Field seeds-acres	52,375	3	27	3	1,212
Hay crops-acres	20,440	18	36	1,015	3,061
Wheat-acres	9,741	13	31	779	2,612
All nursery-acres	6,638	5	34	23	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	6,342	7	34	98	2,693

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 .....	780	674	16
\$10,000 or more .....	367	353	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	63,511	55,736	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	55,323	54,323	2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	25,893	9,331	177
Average per farm .....dollars..	22,555	9,094	148
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,004	919	9
Partnership or corporation .....	135	103	31
Other .....	8	5	60
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	500	483	4
Other .....	647	544	19
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,016	904	12
Female .....	131	123	7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,130	1,016	11
Black and other races .....	17	11	55
Average age of operator .....	54.6	53.2	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.