

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 728,131 acres in 1992 to 679,912 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 5,022 acres in 1992 to 4,331 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 10 percent from 93 farms in 1992 to 102 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

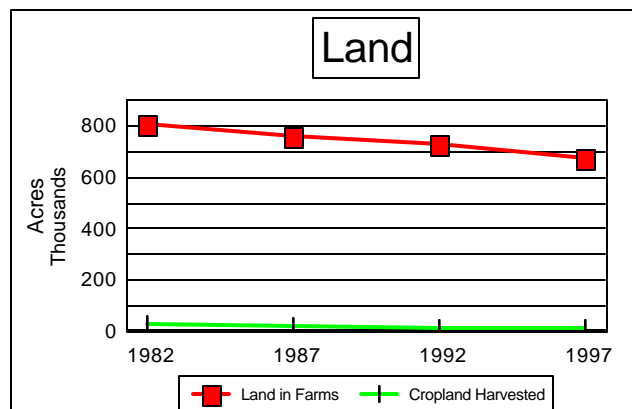
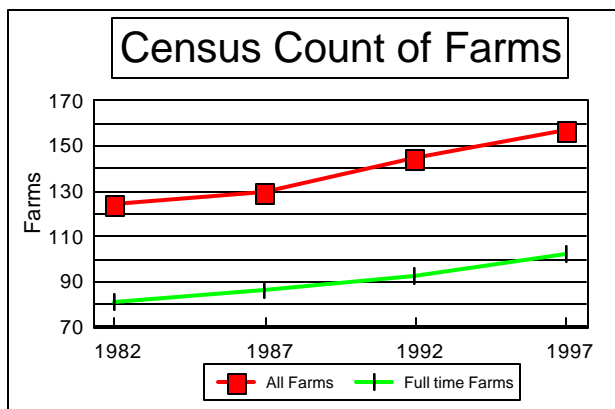
Increased 2 percent to \$6,602,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 6 percent from \$44,726 in 1992 to \$42,053 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	6,602	34	36	2,682	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	5,972	28	36	2,253	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	630	35	36	2,828	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	5,883	22	36	1,337	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	433	29	36	1,744	3,043
Wheat	(D)	24	31	1,593	2,578
Horses and ponies	(D)	33	36	2,135	3,015
Hogs and pigs	33	23	36	2,229	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	12,732	23	36	1,396	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	489	17	36	2,063	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	175	32	36	1,786	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	38	30	36	1,931	3,015
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	22	25	1,796	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	22,933	23	36	1,403	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	440	30	36	1,764	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	310	18	36	2,060	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	262	32	36	1,742	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	200	33	36	2,309	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	12,110	24	36	1,500	3,061
Wheat-acres	(D)	22	31	1,568	2,612
Barley-acres	61	24	27	1,002	1,411
Rye for grain-acres	(D)	6	10	711	1,207
Oats-acres	(D)	26	30	1,897	2,332

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 .....	72	74	-3
\$10,000 or more .....	85	71	20
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,039	5,944	2
Average per farm .....dollars..	38,468	40,991	-6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	783	741	6
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,987	5,110	-2
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	132	123	7
Partnership or corporation .....	23	22	5
Other .....	2	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	102	93	10
Other .....	55	52	6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	134	126	6
Female .....	23	19	21
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	157	145	8
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	57.9	58.6	-1

(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.