

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 129,323 acres in 1992 to 118,547 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 128 acres in 1992 to 122 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 535 farms in 1992 to 456 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

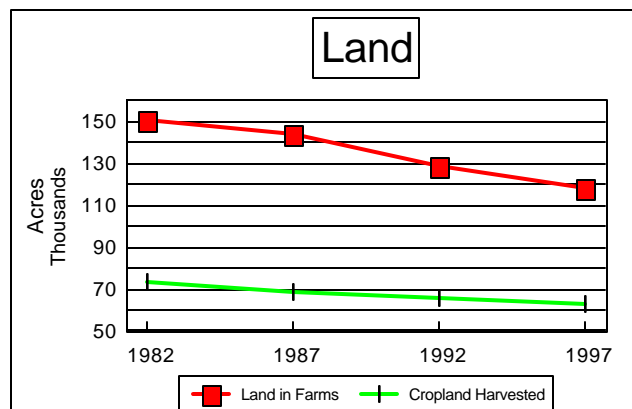
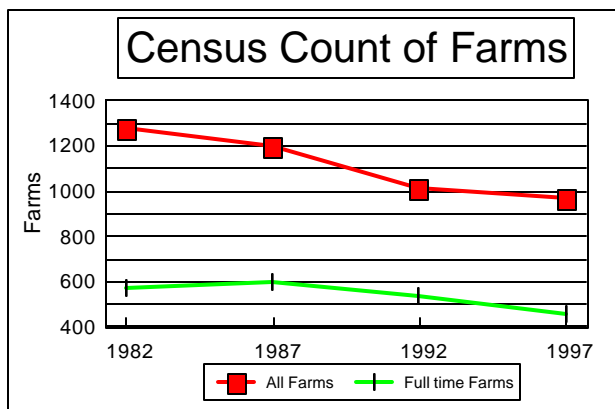
Decreased 2 percent to \$27,671,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 2 percent from \$27,924 in 1992 to \$28,468 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	27,671	38	67	1,823	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	14,817	39	67	1,523	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	12,854	24	67	1,600	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	9,196	37	67	404	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,778	17	66	346	2,790
Cattle and calves	4,000	27	67	1,637	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	2,686	13	66	260	3,043
Corn for grain	1,730	35	66	1,155	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	14	59	107	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	8,691	34	67	1,727	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	35	62	870	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	7,103	31	67	1,111	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	27	52	422	1,353
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	20,262	29	67	1,527	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	10,419	37	66	802	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	6,139	16	65	209	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,224	31	67	1,074	3,005
Mink inventory	(D)	5	8	77	239
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	34,704	21	66	543	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	13,478	29	66	959	2,691
Oats-acres	5,759	5	63	100	2,332
Corn for silage-acres	4,502	31	66	335	2,473
Wheat-acres	2,271	21	61	1,382	2,612

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 .....	588	632	-7
\$10,000 or more .....	384	380	1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	22,137	22,898	-3
Average per farm .....dollars..	22,751	22,627	1
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,540	4,024	-37
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,611	3,976	-34
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	876	920	-5
Partnership or corporation .....	96	90	7
Other .....	-	2	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	456	535	-15
Other .....	516	477	8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	893	933	-4
Female .....	79	79	
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	969	1,010	-4
Black and other races .....	3	2	50
Average age of operator .....	55.4	55.3	0

(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.