

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 19,026 acres in 1992 to 19,838 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 129 acres in 1992 to 119 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 73 farms in 1992 to 74 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

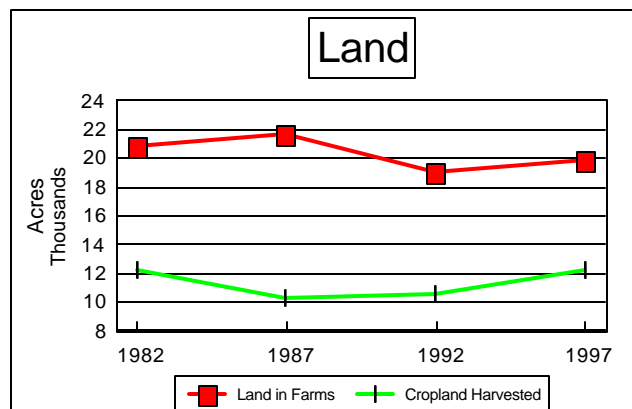
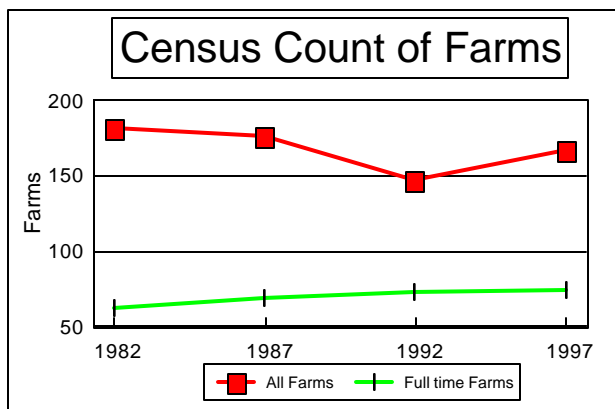
Increased 45 percent to \$7,639,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 27 percent from \$35,936 in 1992 to \$45,745 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	7,639	56	67	2,625	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,397	43	67	1,997	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,242	62	67	2,838	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,090	25	66	456	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	782	28	66	612	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	720	53	66	1,261	3,043
Dairy products	668	60	67	1,601	2,563
Corn for grain	441	52	66	1,602	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	18	59	306	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,707	45	67	1,620	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,637	42	62	965	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	587	62	67	2,913	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	242	52	65	1,628	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	22	65	361	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,162	43	66	941	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	1,584	61	67	2,883	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	960	45	67	1,628	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	545	46	65	1,364	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	4,908	61	66	2,295	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	2,991	52	66	1,518	2,691
All nursery-acres	1,984	9	65	137	2,619
Oats-acres	1,090	43	63	605	2,332
Wheat-acres	607	45	61	1,836	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 .....	90	89	1
\$10,000 or more .....	77	58	33
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,323	4,232	26
Average per farm .....dollars..	32,262	28,989	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,998	1,028	94
Average per farm .....dollars..	12,107	7,044	72
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	139	129	8
Partnership or corporation .....	25	17	47
Other .....	3	1	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	74	73	1
Other .....	93	74	26
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	147	137	7
Female .....	20	10	100
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	167	147	14
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	53.2	53.0	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.