

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 106,390 acres in 1992 to 108,612 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 139 acres in 1992 to 145 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 336 farms in 1992 to 309 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

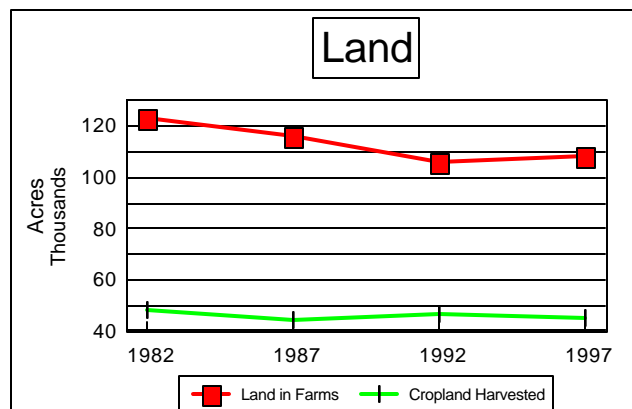
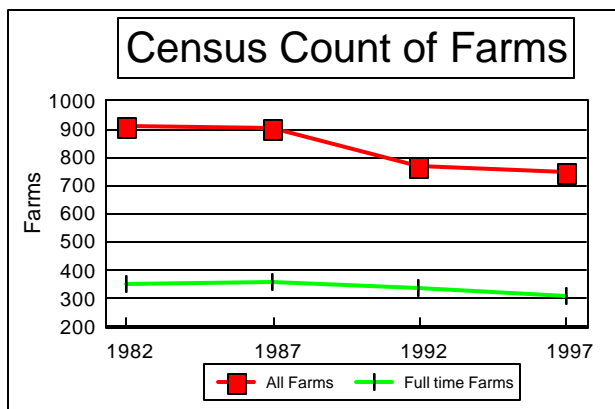
Increased 18 percent to \$20,005,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 21 percent from \$22,124 in 1992 to \$26,781 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	20,005	46	67	2,105	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,511	46	67	1,750	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,495	34	67	1,856	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	8,246	38	67	437	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,398	23	66	436	2,790
Cattle and calves	2,814	38	67	1,902	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,915	24	66	426	3,043
Corn for grain	1,259	41	66	1,267	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	8,057	35	67	1,790	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	2,572	27	59	536	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,584	46	67	1,647	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	710	31	65	1,024	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	35	58	570	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	20,020	30	67	1,540	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	4,642	18	65	259	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,012	45	66	959	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,110	44	67	1,559	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,051	29	65	917	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	32,532	24	66	605	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	7,726	38	66	1,163	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	2,881	41	66	510	2,473
Oats-acres	1,662	36	63	429	2,332
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,353	37	58	1,513	2,144

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 .....	497	534	-7
\$10,000 or more .....	250	233	7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	14,621	14,822	-1
Average per farm .....dollars..	19,600	19,324	1
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,451	2,340	47
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,626	3,051	52
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	673	701	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	71	63	13
Other .....	3	3	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	309	336	-8
Other .....	438	431	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	676	716	-6
Female .....	71	51	39
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	746	766	-3
Black and other races .....	1	1	
Average age of operator .....	55.6	56.3	-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.