

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 388,368 acres in 1992 to 391,836 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Unchanged from 86 acres in 1992 to 86 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased slightly from 3,376 farms in 1992 to 3,380 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

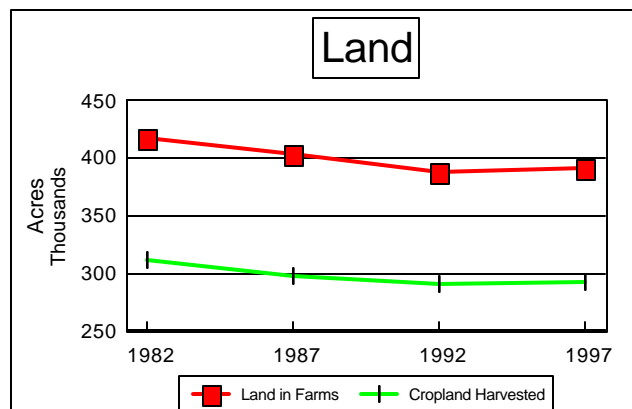
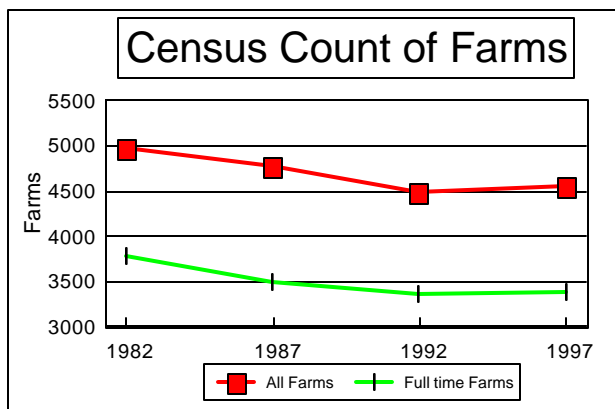
Increased 13 percent to \$766,743,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 11 percent from \$151,641 in 1992 to \$168,293 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	766,743	1	67	15	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	664,801	1	67	5	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	101,942	3	67	134	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	252,107	1	66	6	2,901
Dairy products	229,251	1	67	8	2,563
Hogs and pigs	86,879	1	67	15	2,976
Cattle and calves	79,492	1	67	75	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	30,105	4	66	65	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	44,580,865	1	53	33	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	11,863,997	1	62	1	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	852,916	1	67	20	2,976
Turkeys sold	687,080	6	52	101	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	599,586	2	59	15	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	10,120,019	1	66	1	3,002
Broiler inventory	7,784,604	1	62	30	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	1,417,348	1	51	3	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	1,382,324	1	63	2	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	349,774	1	67	19	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	94,504	1	66	233	2,691
Hay crops-acres	82,627	2	66	72	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	74,128	1	66	2	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	29,602	2	58	684	2,144
Wheat-acres	11,877	2	61	703	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 .....	814	789	3
\$10,000 or more .....	3,742	3,701	1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	585,414	511,550	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	128,493	113,931	13
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	168,039	165,677	1
Average per farm .....dollars..	36,883	36,899	-0
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	4,071	4,009	2
Partnership or corporation .....	471	471	
Other .....	14	10	40
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	3,380	3,376	0
Other .....	1,176	1,114	6
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	4,412	4,384	1
Female .....	144	106	36
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	4,542	4,484	1
Black and other races .....	14	6	133
Average age of operator .....	46.4	45.5	2

(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.