

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 82,982 acres in 1992 to 91,629 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 194 acres in 1992 to 216 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 253 farms in 1992 to 266 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

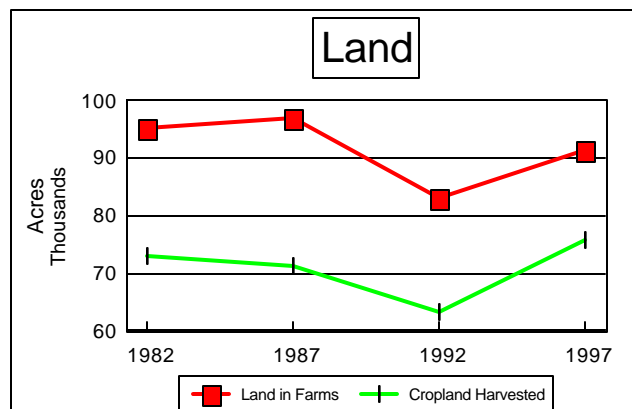
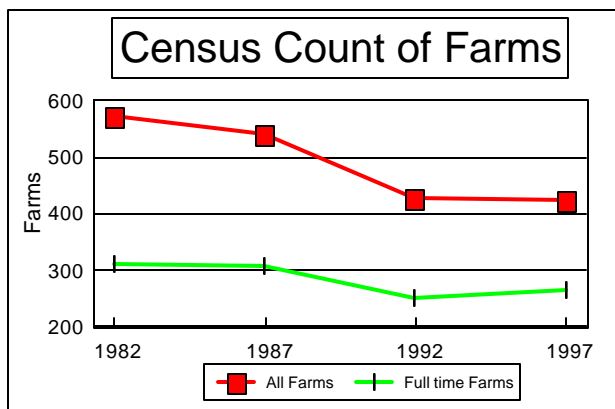
Increased 33 percent to \$56,719,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 34 percent from \$99,859 in 1992 to \$133,456 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	56,719	20	67	1,052	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	39,388	8	67	726	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	17,330	35	67	1,385	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	16,261	7	66	133	2,790
Corn for grain	12,914	4	66	480	2,582
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	15	66	417	2,901
Soybeans	3,571	7	58	826	2,136
Dairy products	3,076	56	67	863	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	(D)	3	52	83	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	30	62	780	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	12,030	26	67	975	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,278	57	67	2,608	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	24	58	362	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	(D)	9	63	141	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	24,945	27	66	716	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,772	25	67	933	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	4,390	57	67	2,629	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	926	31	65	1,010	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	37,998	4	66	600	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	13,789	9	58	911	2,144
Hay crops-acres	11,132	51	66	1,600	3,061
Wheat-acres	8,106	6	61	852	2,612
Oats-acres	1,769	34	63	403	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 .....	179	181	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	246	246	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	42,153	36,929	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	99,417	86,891	14
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	10,368	6,685	55
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,453	15,730	55
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	355	365	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	70	61	15
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	266	253	5
Other .....	159	174	-9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	380	390	-3
Female .....	45	37	22
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	425	426	-0
Black and other races .....	-	1	-100
Average age of operator .....	55.0	54.6	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.