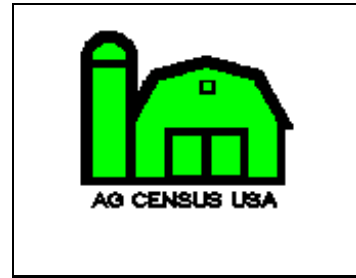


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Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 89,045 acres in 1992 to 90,331 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 154 acres in 1992 to 149 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 331 farms in 1992 to 303 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

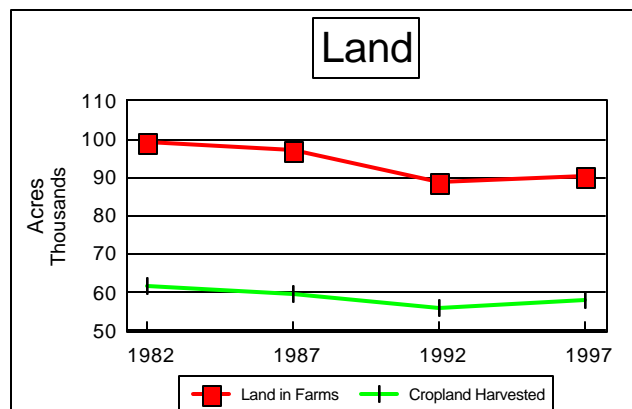
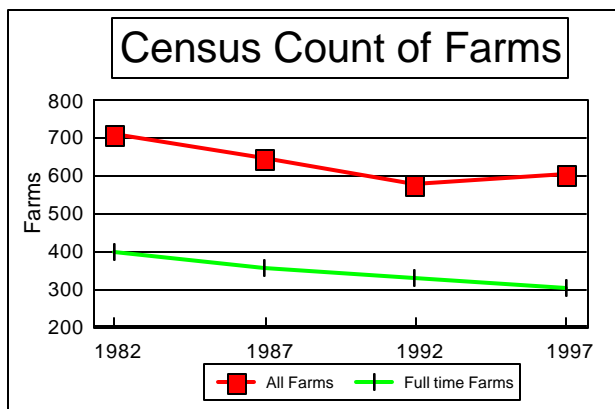
Increased 57 percent to \$66,919,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$73,623 in 1992 to \$110,609 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	66,919	13	67	874	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	46,199	17	67	567	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	20,720	14	67	1,233	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	30,282	6	66	203	2,901
Dairy products	8,004	41	67	452	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,507	18	66	364	2,790
Corn for grain	4,910	12	66	815	2,582
Hogs and pigs	3,926	13	67	615	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3,099,121	10	53	330	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)	(D)	7	62	61	2,203
Turkeys sold (D)	(D)	15	52	200	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	109,877	7	59	50	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	34,819	14	67	650	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,807,469	4	66	35	3,002
Broiler inventory	499,024	10	62	328	2,620
All turkeys inventory (D)	(D)	4	63	115	2,361
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	63,462	5	65	33	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	19,453	15	67	604	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	19,904	18	66	821	2,691
Hay crops-acres	15,625	47	66	1,272	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,530	20	58	1,132	2,144
Wheat-acres	5,310	10	61	1,028	2,612
Oats-acres	3,939	11	63	161	2,332

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	280	264	6
\$10,000 or more	325	314	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	54,338	35,614	53
Average per farmdollars..	89,814	61,509	46
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,448	6,872	23
Average per farmdollars..	13,963	11,869	18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	510	498	2
Partnership or corporation	94	78	21
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	303	331	-8
Other	302	247	22
Operators by sex:			
Male	575	547	5
Female	30	31	-3
Operators by race:			
White	605	578	5
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	53.3	52.3	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.