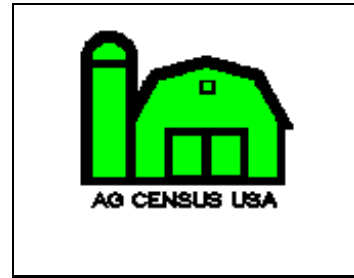


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Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 94,193 acres in 1992 to 80,691 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 253 acres in 1992 to 237 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 172 farms in 1992 to 145 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

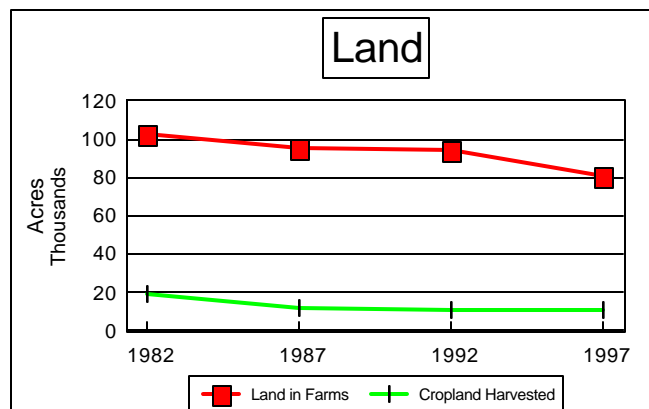
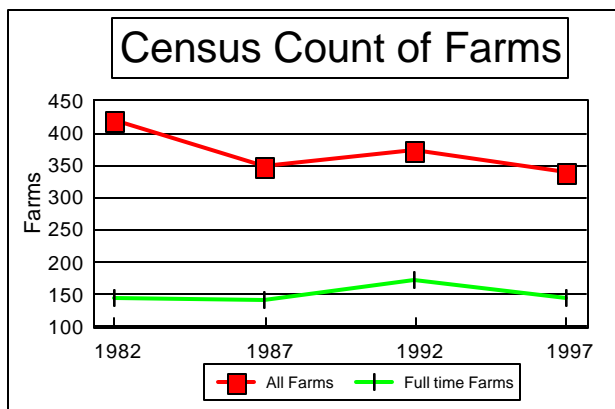
Increased 56 percent to \$11,675,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 71 percent from \$20,037 in 1992 to \$34,338 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	11,675	39	46	2,426	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	10,343	21	46	1,834	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,332	43	46	2,637	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	6,027	22	46	541	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,117	15	46	2,122	3,063
Dairy products	2,069	9	31	1,042	2,563
Cotton, cottonseed	659	22	36	440	709
Wheat	173	30	45	1,563	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	395,066	9	22	138	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	25	33	609	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	78,367	14	36	528	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,095	16	46	1,992	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	14	35	596	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	217,705	6	40	111	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	80,275	15	46	467	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	25	45	589	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	12,681	14	46	1,937	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	10	45	449	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,823	18	46	2,052	3,061
Cotton-acres	1,783	21	36	432	713
Wheat-acres	1,092	32	45	1,637	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	604	2	28	607	1,508
Corn for silage-acres	325	16	39	1,633	2,473

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	259	284	-9
\$10,000 or more	81	89	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,388	5,854	60
Average per farmdollars..	27,613	15,652	76
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,451	1,159	25
Average per farmdollars..	4,268	3,099	38
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	315	357	-12
Partnership or corporation	24	16	50
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	145	172	-16
Other	195	201	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	303	349	-13
Female	37	24	54
Operators by race:			
White	324	358	-9
Black and other races	16	15	7
Average age of operator	58.0	58.0	

(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.