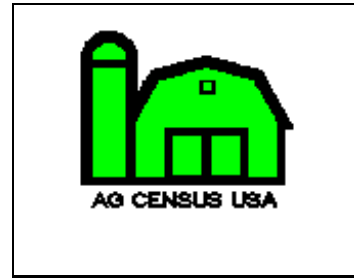


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Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 194,822 acres in 1992 to 168,600 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 249 acres in 1992 to 274 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 423 farms in 1992 to 324 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

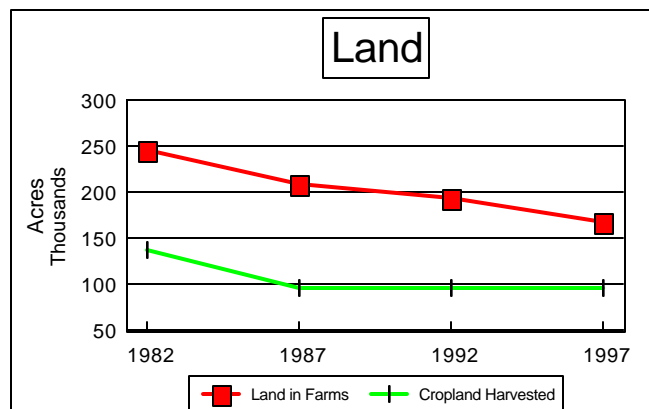
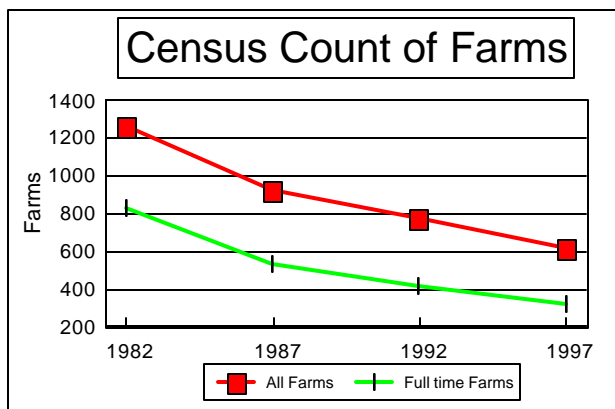
Increased 35 percent to \$69,106,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 72 percent from \$65,374 in 1992 to \$112,367 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	69,106	6	46	835	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	61,794	2	46	391	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,312	25	46	2,105	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	38,081	2	18	14	580
Soybeans	6,540	2	42	667	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	6,003	23	46	544	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,291	11	46	378	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	3,842	11	36	263	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,898,000	16	33	389	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	12	22	210	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	20	36	725	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	10	35	283	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	7,449	16	46	1,099	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	16	45	417	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	18	46	633	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	5,510	17	46	997	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	4,728	30	46	2,604	3,064
All goat inventory	483	21	46	496	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	49,139	2	43	519	2,144
Wheat-acres	23,616	4	45	485	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	14,766	6	46	922	2,691
Tobacco-acres	10,437	2	18	12	583
Cotton-acres	8,607	12	36	274	713

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	288	383	-25
\$10,000 or more	327	398	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	51,767	40,592	28
Average per farmdollars..	84,174	51,974	62
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	17,804	11,504	55
Average per farmdollars..	28,950	14,729	97
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	531	669	-21
Partnership or corporation	84	102	-18
Other	-	10	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	324	423	-23
Other	291	358	-19
Operators by sex:			
Male	569	715	-20
Female	46	66	-30
Operators by race:			
White	545	673	-19
Black and other races	70	108	-35
Average age of operator	55.6	55.0	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.