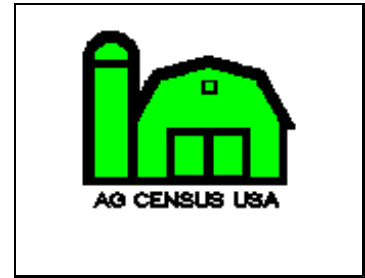


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Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 128,124 acres in 1992 to 126,761 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 192 acres in 1992 to 185 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 246 farms in 1992 to 230 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

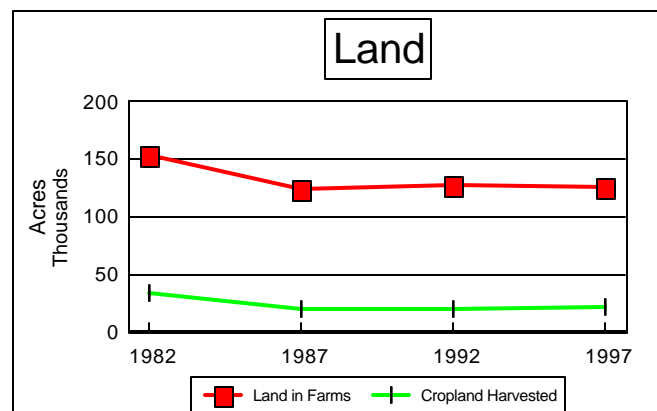
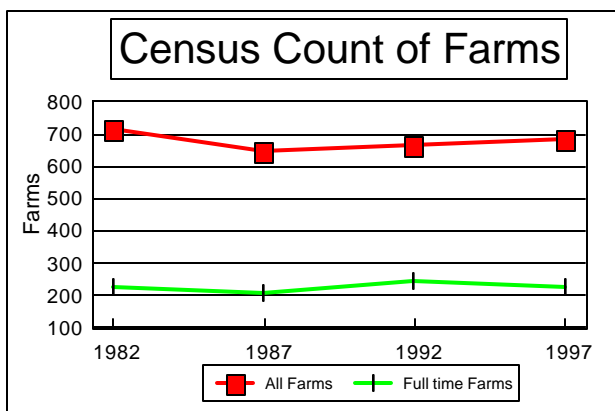
Increased 13 percent to \$18,565,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$24,667 in 1992 to \$27,063 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	18,565	28	46	2,167	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,040	18	46	1,783	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,525	31	46	1,919	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	1	46	139	2,547
Cattle and calves	4,001	3	46	1,636	3,063
Dairy products	3,390	7	31	809	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	3,339	25	46	678	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	495	35	46	1,344	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	(D)	16	22	278	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	24	36	823	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	1	29	11	1,593
Cattle and calves sold	11,265	3	46	1,506	3,063
All goats sold	263	10	46	367	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	13	46	393	3,002
All turkeys inventory	(D)	14	40	262	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	26,402	3	46	1,261	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	6	41	369	2,549
Rabbit inventory	(D)	1	36	6	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	18,628	2	46	1,101	3,061
Wheat-acres	817	35	45	1,728	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	747	35	43	1,644	2,144
Land in orchards-acres	726	8	46	383	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	437	10	39	1,493	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	520	504	3
\$10,000 or more	166	162	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,531	15,203	-4
Average per farmdollars..	21,151	22,793	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,300	1,367	141
Average per farmdollars..	4,804	2,050	134
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	640	591	8
Partnership or corporation	42	65	-35
Other	4	10	-60
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	230	246	-7
Other	456	420	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	627	633	-1
Female	59	33	79
Operators by race:			
White	663	647	2
Black and other races	23	19	21
Average age of operator	57.0	57.0	

(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.