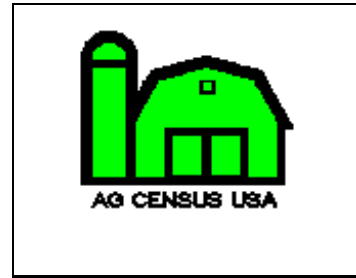


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### Land in farms

Increased slightly from 138,573 acres in 1992 to 139,411 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 341 acres in 1992 to 352 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 230 farms in 1992 to 183 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

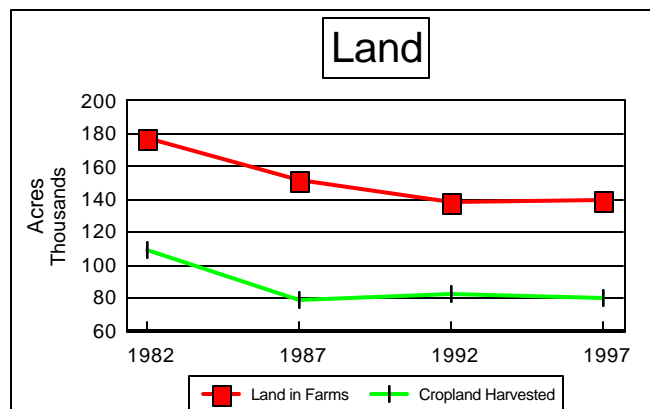
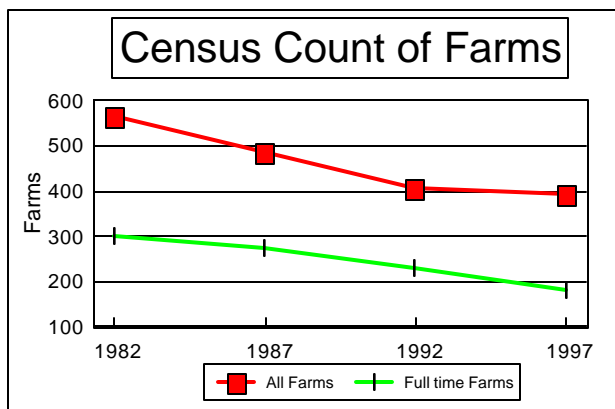
Increased 16 percent to \$60,173,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 19 percent from \$127,302 in 1992 to \$151,951 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	60,173	9	46	982	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	31,282	8	46	905	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	28,891	12	46	912	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	25,535	8	46	231	2,901
Tobacco	6,463	8	18	135	580
Corn for grain	6,391	3	45	717	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,797	12	46	407	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	3,763	12	36	267	709
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	5,391,580	7	33	252	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold (D)		3	35	31	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	159,000	9	36	380	2,203
Turkeys sold	136,000	14	22	238	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	20,400	9	46	809	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	899,770	8	45	247	2,620
All turkeys inventory	143,071	9	40	133	2,361
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory (D)		1	35	133	1,790
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory (D)		4	45	48	2,884
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory (D)		5	41	326	2,549
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	26,597	3	46	718	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	25,477	9	43	726	2,144
Wheat-acres	20,599	6	45	525	2,612
Cotton-acres	9,958	11	36	257	713
Hay crops-acres	3,838	24	46	2,445	3,061

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 .....	244	231	6
\$10,000 or more .....	152	175	-13
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	43,115	40,176	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	109,151	99,199	10
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	16,366	10,091	62
Average per farm .....dollars..	41,433	24,916	66
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	340	332	2
Partnership or corporation .....	55	72	-24
Other .....	1	2	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	183	230	-20
Other .....	213	176	21
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	354	372	-5
Female .....	42	34	24
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	299	273	10
Black and other races .....	97	133	-27
Average age of operator .....	56.9	54.7	4

(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.