

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 787,857 acres in 1992 to 797,299 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 2,774 acres in 1992 to 3,090 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 229 farms in 1992 to 195 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

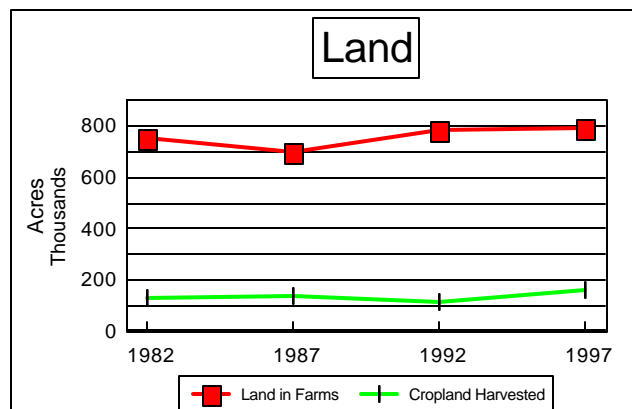
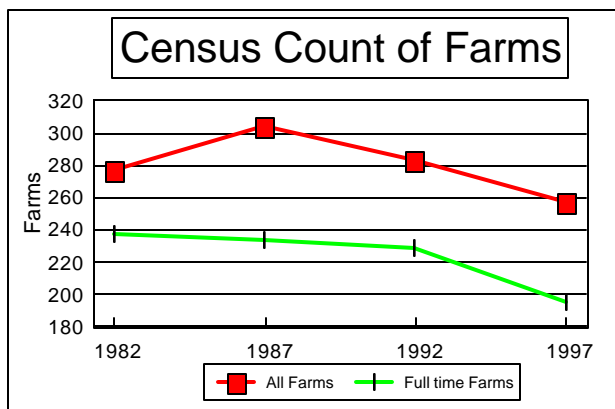
Increased 33 percent to \$28,772,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 46 percent from \$76,379 in 1992 to \$111,521 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	28,772	54	66	1,777	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,785	50	66	1,313	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,987	51	66	1,754	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	18,101	35	66	466	3,063
Wheat	5,008	25	66	370	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	2,022	19	64	216	1,971
Corn for grain	1,527	48	65	1,202	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	927	39	66	1,004	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	35,462	32	66	498	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,353	52	66	1,375	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	414	63	65	1,357	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	100	22	66	927	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	33	39	1,913	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	52,433	34	66	563	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,058	49	66	1,335	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,863	5	66	246	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	29	56	428	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	583	62	65	1,313	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	61,190	23	66	170	3,061
Wheat-acres	59,972	22	66	284	2,612
Proso millet-acres	21,065	1	50	3	190
Corn for grain-acres	8,821	49	65	1,120	2,691
Sunflower seed-acres	4,610	27	55	92	674

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 .....	55	77	-29
\$10,000 or more .....	203	207	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	20,423	17,982	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	79,159	63,316	25
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,300	3,861	63
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,418	13,595	80
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	210	234	-10
Partnership or corporation .....	43	44	-2
Other .....	5	6	-17
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	195	229	-15
Other .....	63	55	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	238	255	-7
Female .....	20	29	-31
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	233	261	-11
Black and other races .....	25	23	9
Average age of operator .....	53.1	54.1	-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.