

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 195,077 acres in 1992 to 171,380 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 717 acres in 1992 to 635 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 157 farms in 1992 to 151 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

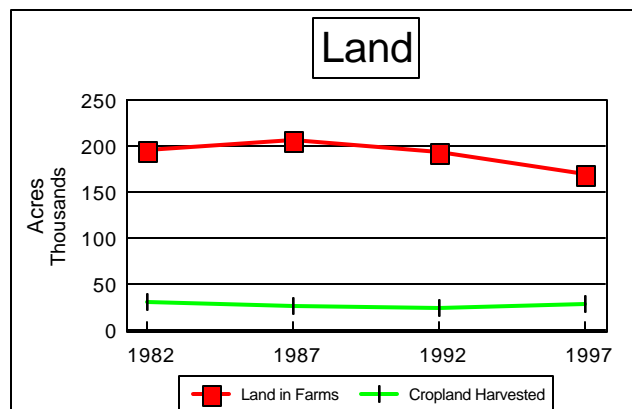
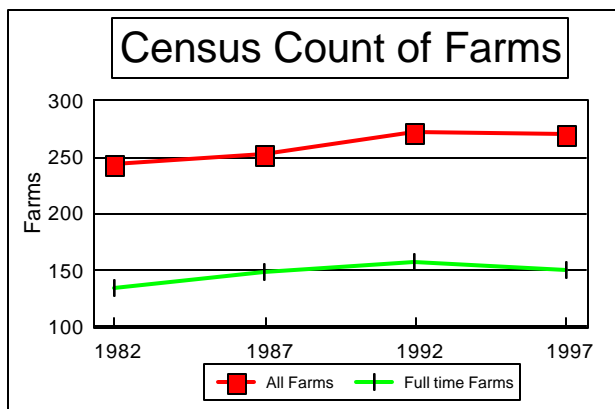
Increased 6 percent to \$9,487,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 7 percent from \$32,969 in 1992 to \$35,139 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	9,487	66	66	2,531	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,291	66	66	2,014	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,196	65	66	2,674	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,454	65	66	1,255	3,063
Dairy products	1,391	34	62	1,241	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	635	53	66	1,394	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	11	34	1,484	2,790
Horses and ponies	242	9	66	632	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	12,900	65	66	1,375	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,263	56	65	692	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	149	15	66	561	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	15	45	1,529	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	30	39	1,832	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	20,289	65	66	1,524	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,231	55	65	800	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	672	28	66	1,197	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	325	40	65	1,999	3,002
All goat inventory	(D)	14	64	1,828	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	28,543	53	66	712	3,061
Wheat-acres	880	61	66	1,704	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	458	62	66	1,467	2,473
Oats-acres	411	65	66	1,077	2,332
Corn for grain-acres	266	65	65	2,205	2,691

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 .....	127	139	-9
\$10,000 or more .....	143	133	8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	7,679	7,245	6
Average per farm .....dollars..	28,442	26,540	7
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,843	1,339	38
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,826	4,906	39
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	226	229	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	41	42	-2
Other .....	3	1	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	151	157	-4
Other .....	119	115	3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	244	254	-4
Female .....	26	18	44
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	269	272	-1
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	57.7	57.6	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.