

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 1,026,353 acres in 1992 to 1,069,597 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 942 acres in 1992 to 1,063 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 797 farms in 1992 to 688 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

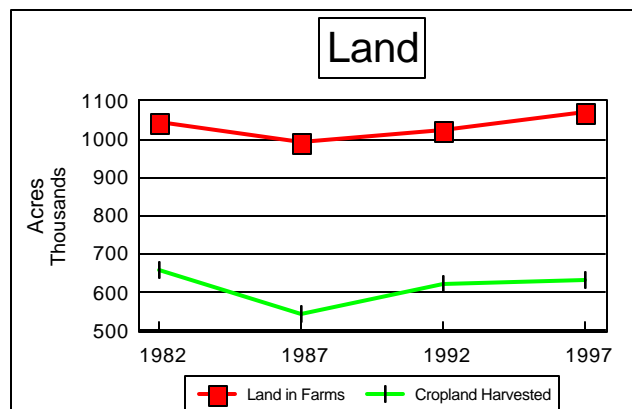
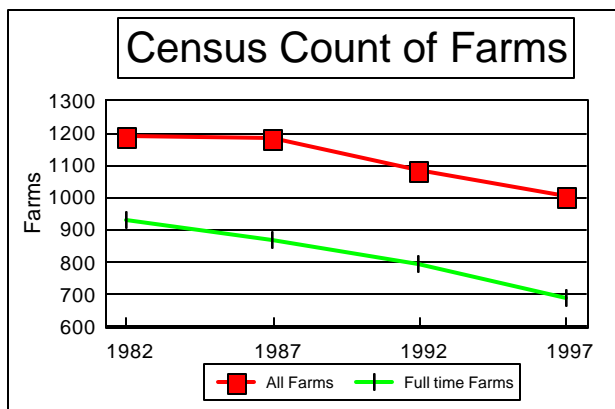
Increased 15 percent to \$146,001,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 25 percent from \$116,366 in 1992 to \$145,130 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	146,001	1	66	260	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	92,299	1	66	168	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	53,702	4	66	464	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	43,898	2	66	151	3,063
Soybeans	31,291	2	60	119	2,136
Corn for grain	25,002	3	65	244	2,582
Wheat	19,904	1	66	76	2,578
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	11,863	2	64	64	1,971
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	73,750	3	66	163	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	38,036	27	66	618	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	15,348	7	65	82	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	16	39	1,183	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	164	10	66	480	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	102,037	4	66	127	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	22,775	23	66	545	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	12,921	7	65	116	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,292	11	66	507	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	603	28	65	1,531	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Wheat-acres	169,474	2	66	85	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	166,295	2	60	34	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	138,486	1	65	109	2,691
Hay crops-acres	77,916	14	66	88	3,061
Sunflower seed-acres	60,820	4	55	10	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 .....	279	276	1
\$10,000 or more .....	727	813	-11
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	112,544	104,897	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	111,873	96,412	16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	30,292	20,555	47
Average per farm .....dollars..	30,112	18,893	59
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	863	937	-8
Partnership or corporation .....	140	147	-5
Other .....	3	5	-40
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	688	797	-14
Other .....	318	292	9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	962	1,047	-8
Female .....	44	42	5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,001	1,084	-8
Black and other races .....	5	5	
Average age of operator .....	52.0	49.9	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.