

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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### Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 279,202 acres in 1992 to 302,077 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 3,364 acres in 1992 to 3,923 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 69 farms in 1992 to 62 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

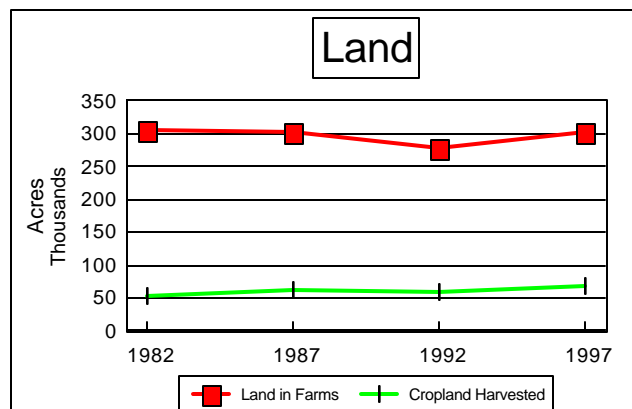
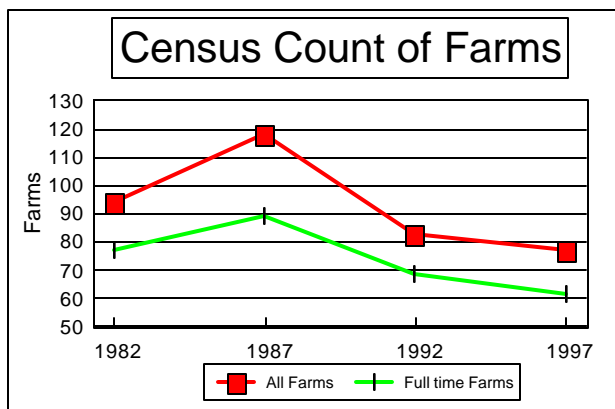
Increased 32 percent to \$21,647,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 42 percent from \$197,941 in 1992 to \$281,127 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	21,647	61	66	2,039	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	13,585	58	66	1,608	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,062	56	66	1,889	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	13,137	49	66	692	3,063
Corn for grain	4,280	41	65	855	2,582
Wheat	1,479	47	66	755	2,578
Soybeans	931	39	60	1,199	2,136
All other grains: rye, drybeans, etc	803	27	64	332	1,971
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	20,526	56	66	956	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	17	47	600	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,575	59	66	1,648	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	762	59	65	975	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	100	22	66	927	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	26,527	62	66	1,256	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	12	61	453	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	900	59	66	1,654	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	605	61	65	1,288	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	351	52	66	2,033	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	26,181	54	66	784	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	18,454	43	65	849	2,691
Wheat-acres	12,647	48	66	679	2,612
Sunflower seed-acres	5,246	25	55	86	674
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,745	39	60	1,219	2,144

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 .....	14	9	56
\$10,000 or more .....	63	74	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	16,611	13,995	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	215,730	168,615	28
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,036	2,593	94
Average per farm .....dollars..	65,397	31,241	109
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	64	67	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	9	11	-18
Other .....	4	5	-20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	62	69	-10
Other .....	15	14	7
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	67	79	-15
Female .....	10	4	150
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	72	80	-10
Black and other races .....	5	3	67
Average age of operator .....	51.8	51.0	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.