

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 36,633 acres in 1992 to 38,894 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 55 acres in 1992 to 63 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 203 farms in 1992 to 181 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

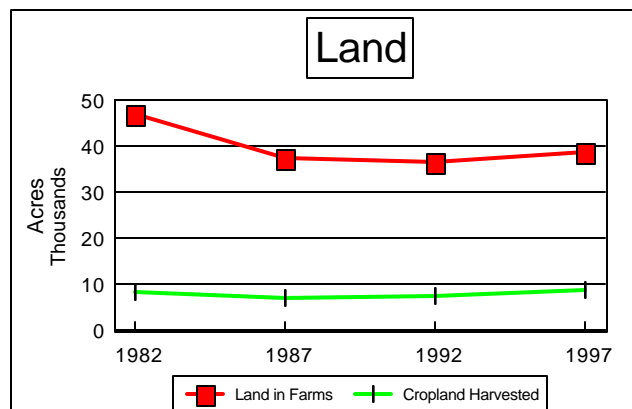
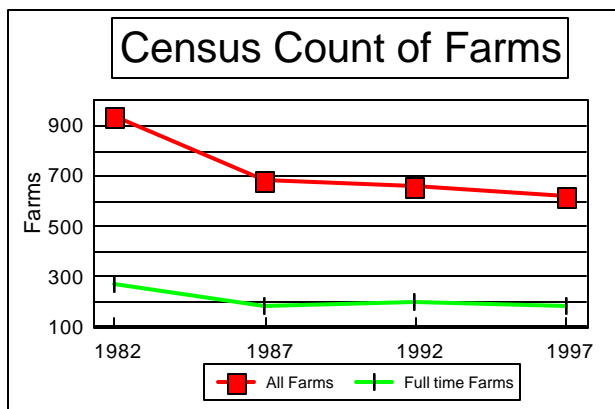
Increased 4 percent to \$7,296,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$10,572 in 1992 to \$11,730 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	7,296	74	95	2,645	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,188	63	95	2,438	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,108	68	95	2,360	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,465	60	95	2,008	3,063
Tobacco	1,530	33	75	271	580
Dairy products	1,240	44	84	1,307	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,161	23	93	917	2,790
Horses and ponies	430	17	95	338	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,172	65	95	1,984	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	1	95	47	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	51	82	1,581	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	39	62	88	2,357	2,765
All goats sold	14	83	92	2,164	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,698	70	95	2,084	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	723	48	95	1,118	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	241	75	94	2,217	3,002
All goat inventory	197	61	95	1,180	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	73	81	94	2,138	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,749	81	95	2,063	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	682	32	88	1,267	2,473
Tobacco-acres	508	34	75	264	583
All nursery-acres	456	11	90	575	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	423	77	95	2,096	2,691

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	504	514	-2
\$10,000 or more	118	148	-20
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,661	5,053	12
Average per farmdollars..	9,131	7,621	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,610	1,276	26
Average per farmdollars..	2,596	1,925	35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	580	610	-5
Partnership or corporation	38	51	-25
Other	4	1	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	181	203	-11
Other	441	459	-4
Operators by sex:			
Male	574	610	-6
Female	48	52	-8
Operators by race:			
White	622	658	-5
Black and other races	-	4	-100
Average age of operator	56.0	54.4	3

(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.