

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



CHESTER TENNESSEE

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 71,513 acres in 1992 to 73,112 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 206 acres in 1992 to 178 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 142 farms in 1992 to 138 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

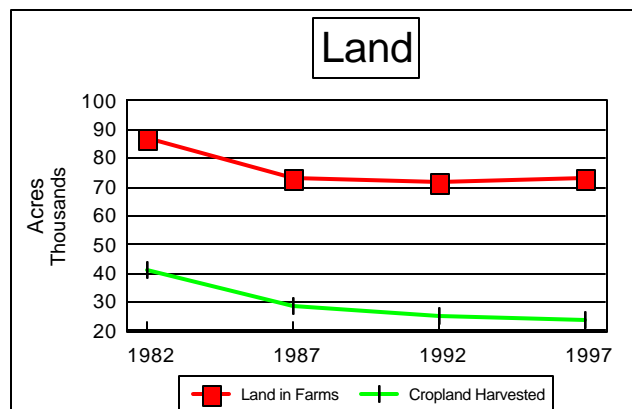
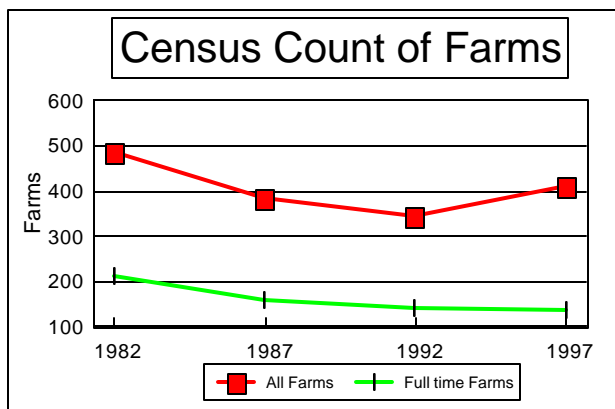
Decreased 17 percent to \$5,864,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 29 percent from \$20,244 in 1992 to \$14,302 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	5,864	77	95	2,717	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,096	56	95	2,227	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,767	88	95	2,765	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	1,874	25	83	1,002	2,136
Cattle and calves	1,594	83	95	2,306	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	997	16	26	392	709
Corn for grain	930	33	94	1,359	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	173	79	95	2,436	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	4,162	82	95	2,298	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,492	52	94	1,669	2,976
All goats sold	58	58	92	1,320	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	60	82	1,790	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	20	91	95	2,438	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,108	78	95	2,229	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,334	42	94	1,488	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	215	89	95	2,537	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	163	87	94	2,421	3,002
All goat inventory	84	83	95	1,887	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,392	25	83	1,012	2,144
Hay crops-acres	7,588	77	95	1,953	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	4,379	32	95	1,375	2,691
Cotton-acres	2,654	16	26	394	713
Wheat-acres	496	46	87	1,901	2,612

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	321	237	35
\$10,000 or more	89	110	-19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,516	5,751	-21
Average per farmdollars..	11,041	16,573	-33
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	797	1,537	-48
Average per farmdollars..	1,949	4,429	-56
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	382	318	20
Partnership or corporation	28	29	-3
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	138	142	-3
Other	272	205	33
Operators by sex:			
Male	369	317	16
Female	41	30	37
Operators by race:			
White	402	339	19
Black and other races	8	8	
Average age of operator	56.0	55.0	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.