

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



BEDFORD TENNESSEE

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 213,603 acres in 1992 to 207,434 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 170 acres in 1992 to 147 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 562 farms in 1992 to 554 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

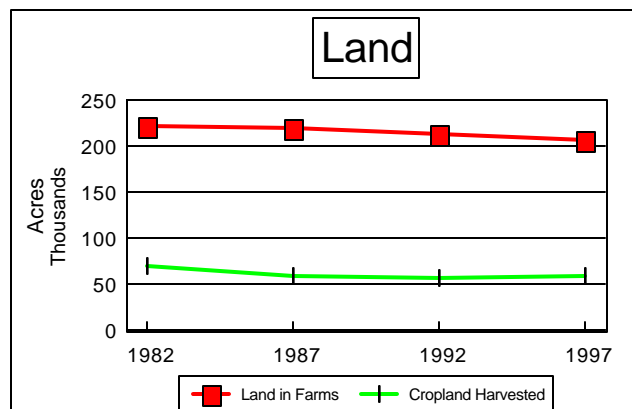
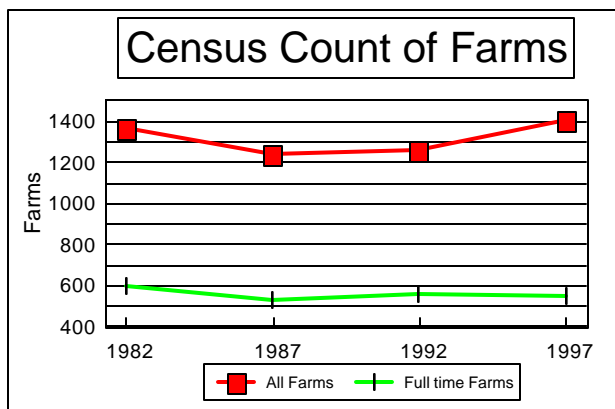
Increased 17 percent to \$69,049,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$46,943 in 1992 to \$49,041 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	69,049	3	95	837	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	63,932	1	95	360	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,118	48	95	2,114	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	44,153	1	93	139	2,901
Cattle and calves	9,587	9	95	924	3,063
Dairy products	6,165	11	84	546	2,563
Horses and ponies	3,174	1	95	24	3,015
Corn for grain	1,469	25	94	1,207	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	24,310,657	1	54	75	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	371,173	1	82	224	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	25,325	8	95	767	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	5,680	24	94	1,193	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	521	5	95	78	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	3,884,670	1	85	83	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	192,370	1	91	79	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	119,515	6	94	389	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	50,949	8	95	590	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	5	67	301	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	43,439	4	95	362	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,564	26	83	1,088	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	6,963	24	95	1,198	2,691
Wheat-acres	2,905	21	87	1,284	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,032	10	88	677	2,473

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	953	788	21
\$10,000 or more	455	471	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	58,779	48,486	21
Average per farmdollars..	41,746	38,512	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,069	9,756	-28
Average per farmdollars..	5,021	7,749	-35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,295	1,157	12
Partnership or corporation	113	99	14
Other	-	3	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	554	562	-1
Other	854	697	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,279	1,145	12
Female	129	114	13
Operators by race:			
White	1,381	1,242	11
Black and other races	27	17	59
Average age of operator	54.5	54.1	1

(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.