

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 86,858 acres in 1992 to 88,399 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 196 acres in 1992 to 202 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 151 farms in 1992 to 131 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

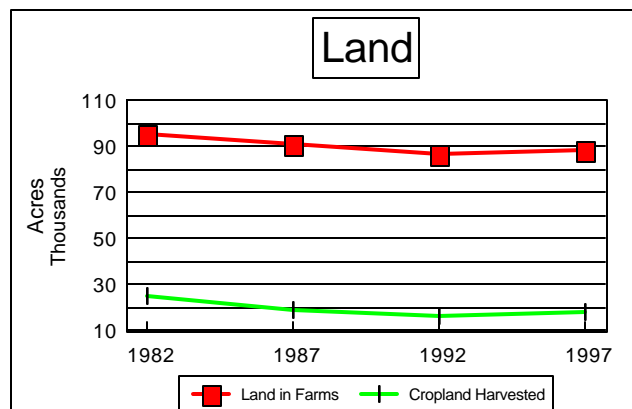
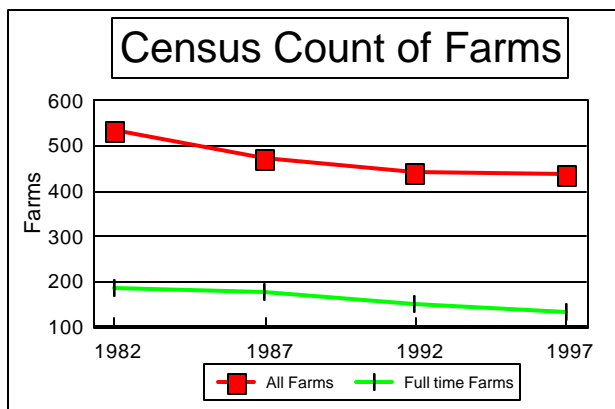
Decreased 26 percent to \$4,271,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 25 percent from \$13,000 in 1992 to \$9,774 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	4,271	88	95	2,807	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,965	73	95	2,592	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,306	86	95	2,645	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,221	65	95	2,084	3,063
Soybeans	657	38	83	1,272	2,136
Hogs and pigs	634	25	94	1,146	2,976
Corn for grain	349	44	94	1,680	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	189	76	95	2,397	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	6,173	64	95	1,983	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	5,416	26	94	1,208	2,976
All goats sold	308	25	92	320	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	12	47	596	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	122	31	88	1,937	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,952	58	95	1,910	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,474	22	94	1,138	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	344	76	95	2,065	3,066
All goat inventory	312	43	95	780	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	200	80	94	2,309	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	12,241	52	95	1,487	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,145	38	83	1,298	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	2,536	41	95	1,566	2,691
Wheat-acres	83	74	87	2,350	2,612
Sorghum for grain-acres	(D)	17	36	1,033	1,508

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 .....	332	315	5
\$10,000 or more .....	105	128	-18
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	3,764	4,947	-24
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,632	11,168	-23
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	386	356	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	886	803	10
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	393	404	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	43	35	23
Other .....	1	4	-75
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	131	151	-13
Other .....	306	292	5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	403	413	-2
Female .....	34	30	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	437	441	-1
Black and other races .....	-	2	-100
Average age of operator .....	55.8	55.0	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.