

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



BENTON TENNESSEE

Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 62,989 acres in 1992 to 68,931 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 177 acres in 1992 to 159 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 110 farms in 1992 to 117 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

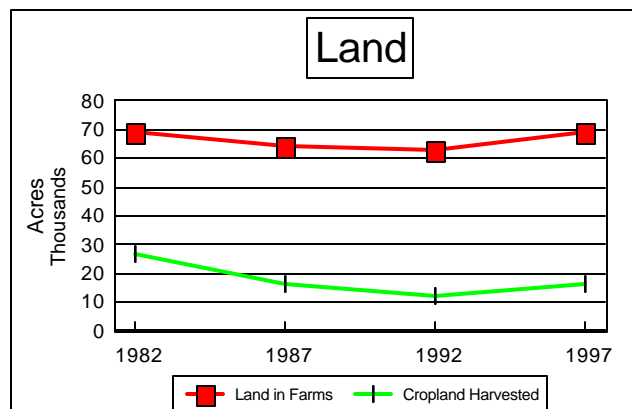
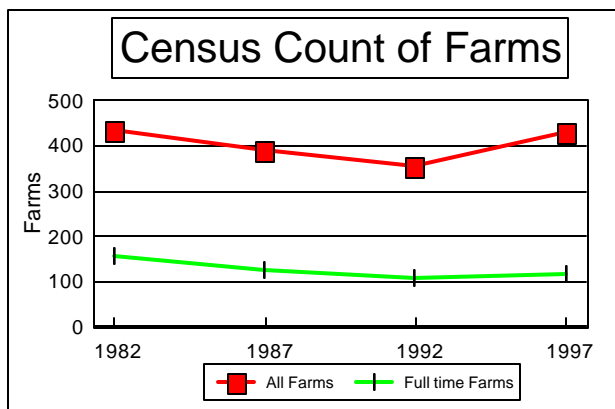
Increased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 17 percent from \$12,193 in 1992 to \$10,079 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	4,364	87	95	2,800	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,569	78	95	2,640	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,795	81	95	2,549	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,041	69	95	2,149	3,063
Soybeans	886	35	83	1,205	2,136
Corn for grain	663	37	94	1,474	2,582
Hogs and pigs	353	36	94	1,364	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	154	84	95	2,496	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,408	72	95	2,103	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,914	34	94	1,319	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	127	36	95	716	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	68	92	1,645	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	56	75	1,766	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,066	74	95	2,139	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,968	33	94	1,359	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	714	50	95	1,136	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	461	53	94	1,746	3,002
All goat inventory	145	73	95	1,443	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,242	72	95	1,885	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,483	35	83	1,231	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	3,482	38	95	1,468	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	167	65	88	1,877	2,473
Wheat-acres	118	69	87	2,275	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	347	261	33
\$10,000 or more	86	94	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,485	3,848	17
Average per farmdollars..	10,382	10,840	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(407)	(247)	-65
Average per farmdollars..	(942)	(697)	-35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	394	330	19
Partnership or corporation	39	22	77
Other	-	3	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	117	110	6
Other	316	245	29
Operators by sex:			
Male	382	325	18
Female	51	30	70
Operators by race:			
White	433	353	23
Black and other races	-	2	-100
Average age of operator	54.6	53.4	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.