

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



## BLEDSON TENNESSEE

### Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 93,098 acres in 1992 to 95,876 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 185 acres in 1992 to 183 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 229 farms in 1992 to 198 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

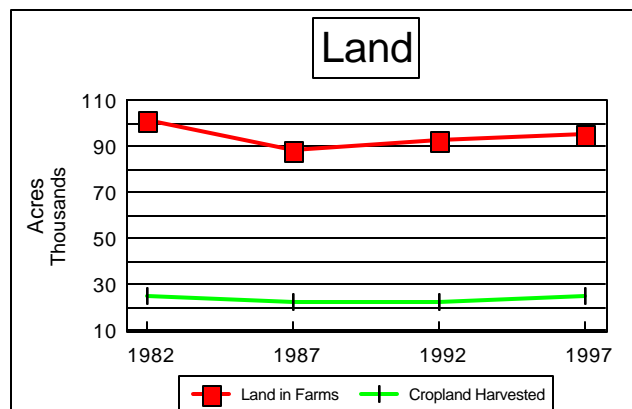
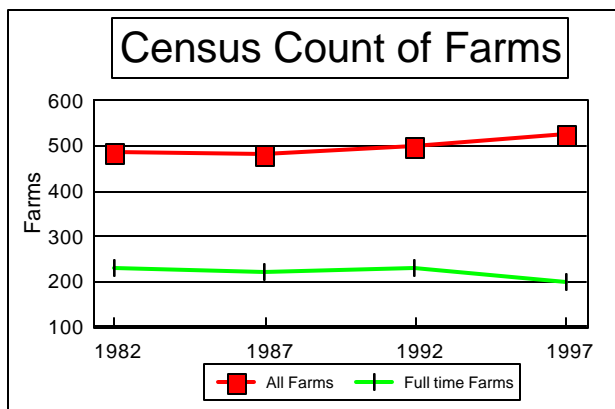
Increased 259 percent to \$41,498,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 243 percent from \$23,042 in 1992 to \$79,044 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                   | 41,498   | 18    | 95        | 1,392 | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 37,103   | 4     | 95        | 729   | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 4,395    | 53    | 95        | 2,189 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Poultry & poultry products                                  | (D)      | 3     | 93        | 206   | 2,901     |
| Cattle and calves   | 4,588    | 37    | 95        | 1,515 | 3,063     |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons                          | 2,565    | 8     | 92        | 308   | 2,739     |
| Dairy products  | 2,466    | 26    | 84        | 956   | 2,563     |
| Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds                       | 483      | 29    | 95        | 1,640 | 3,043     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | 99,204   | 8     | 82        | 470   | 2,203     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 13,140   | 34    | 95        | 1,359 | 3,063     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 403      | 75    | 94        | 2,150 | 2,976     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 234      | 16    | 88        | 1,644 | 2,765     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | (D)      | 39    | 75        | 1,348 | 2,200     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 78,146   | 9     | 94        | 474   | 3,002     |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory                  | (D)      | 4     | 91        | 236   | 2,549     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 25,110   | 35    | 95        | 1,314 | 3,064     |
| Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory                        | (D)      | 4     | 67        | 288   | 1,790     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | 602      | 32    | 94        | 935   | 2,884     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 19,707   | 36    | 95        | 1,050 | 3,061     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 1,700    | 45    | 95        | 1,697 | 2,691     |
| Land used for vegetables-acres                              | 1,497    | 3     | 92        | 341   | 2,741     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 1,398    | 50    | 83        | 1,496 | 2,144     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 725      | 30    | 88        | 1,240 | 2,473     |

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 .....                       | 330    | 300    | 10             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 195    | 202    | -3             |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 12,536 | 9,986  | 26             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 23,833 | 19,892 | 20             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 28,606 | 1,410  | 1929           |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 54,385 | 2,809  | 1836           |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 470    | 443    | 6              |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 54     | 56     | -4             |
| Other .....                                    | 1      | 3      | -67            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 198    | 229    | -14            |
| Other .....                                    | 327    | 273    | 20             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 497    | 466    | 7              |
| Female .....                                   | 28     | 36     | -22            |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 525    | 502    | 5              |
| Black and other races .....                    |        |        |                |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 53.7   | 55.3   | -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.