

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



HOUSTON TENNESSEE

Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 44,415 acres in 1992 to 48,735 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 184 acres in 1992 to 169 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 90 farms in 1992 to 76 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

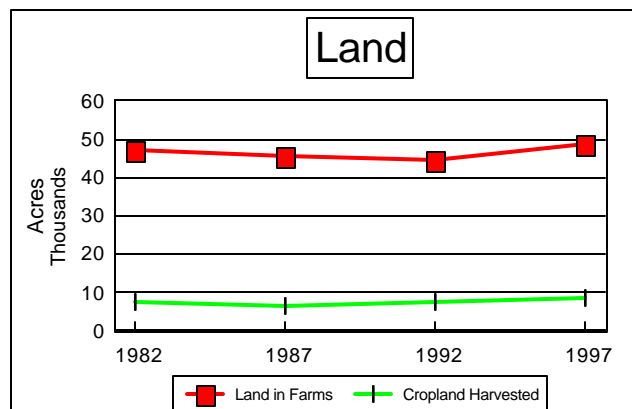
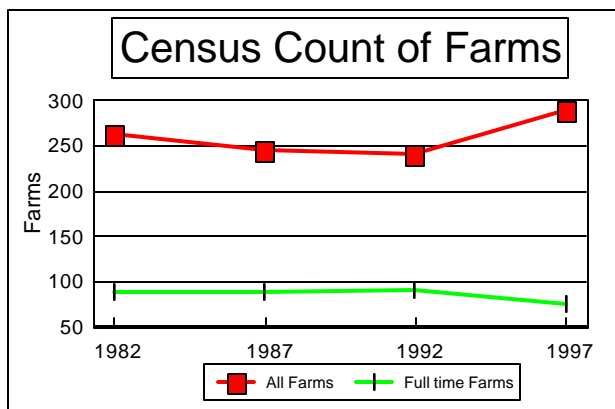
Increased 18 percent to \$4,022,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 1 percent from \$14,089 in 1992 to \$13,916 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	4,022	89	95	2,820	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,137	72	95	2,576	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	885	89	95	2,754	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	3,056	53	95	1,834	3,063
Tobacco	614	44	75	334	580
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	111	91	95	2,638	3,043
Corn for grain	(D)	68	94	2,028	2,582
Hogs and pigs	46	71	94	2,090	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	7,460	54	95	1,844	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	498	72	94	2,057	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	44	71	95	1,786	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	73	82	1,980	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	84	88	2,690	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	11,528	63	95	2,012	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	311	79	95	2,172	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	199	79	94	2,269	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	172	85	94	2,391	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	69	83	94	2,169	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,013	73	95	1,906	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	368	80	95	2,133	2,691
Tobacco-acres	177	48	75	337	583
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	77	83	1,927	2,144
Land in orchards-acres	9	80	93	2,185	2,693

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	209	166	26
\$10,000 or more	80	75	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,128	2,471	67
Average per farmdollars..	14,334	10,252	40
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	221	865	-74
Average per farmdollars..	768	3,591	-79
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	258	214	21
Partnership or corporation	30	26	15
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	76	90	-16
Other	213	151	41
Operators by sex:			
Male	258	226	14
Female	31	15	107
Operators by race:			
White	284	240	18
Black and other races	5	1	400
Average age of operator	54.7	54.7	

(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.