

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 94,254 acres in 1992 to 87,809 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 81 acres in 1992 to 74 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 417 farms in 1992 to 401 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

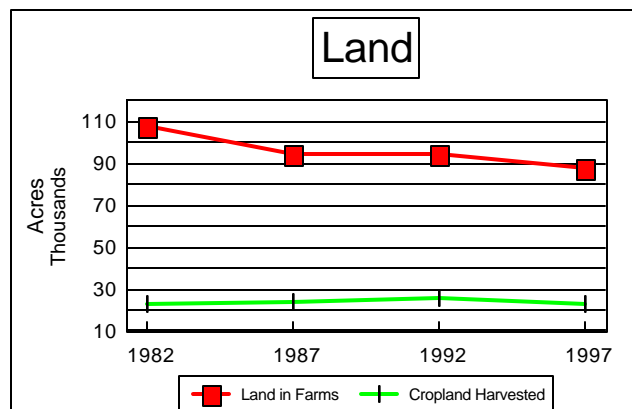
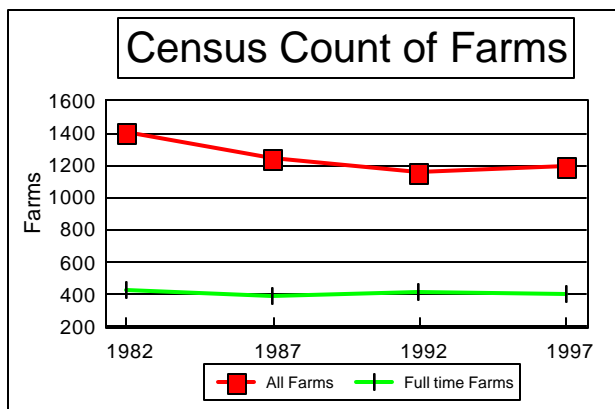
Increased 12 percent to \$15,483,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$11,989 in 1992 to \$12,978 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	15,483	52	95	2,281	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	8,914	30	95	1,832	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,568	50	95	2,183	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	7,395	5	93	280	2,790
Cattle and calves	4,377	42	95	1,564	3,063
Dairy products	1,463	40	84	1,215	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	666	18	95	1,340	3,043
Horses and ponies	499	15	95	274	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	11,615	41	95	1,479	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	75	256	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,244	55	94	1,748	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	1,233	3	47	172	1,593
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	27	82	1,014	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	24,664	37	95	1,334	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	5,381	4	94	230	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	2,080	9	95	198	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,974	22	94	963	3,002
Rabbit inventory	1,043	2	85	81	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	20,951	29	95	992	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	536	35	88	1,397	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	527	75	95	2,044	2,691
All nursery-acres	340	16	90	705	2,619
Soybeans for beans-acres	285	70	83	1,821	2,144

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	1,011	927	9
\$10,000 or more	182	230	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	12,388	13,194	-6
Average per farmdollars..	10,384	11,404	-9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,502	221	1485
Average per farmdollars..	2,936	191	1437
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,093	1,041	5
Partnership or corporation	97	109	-11
Other	3	7	-57
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	401	417	-4
Other	792	740	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,048	1,042	1
Female	145	115	26
Operators by race:			
White	1,190	1,150	3
Black and other races	3	7	-57
Average age of operator	58.2	56.7	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.