

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



BLOUNT TENNESSEE

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 96,181 acres in 1992 to 93,209 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 95 acres in 1992 to 89 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 362 farms in 1992 to 341 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

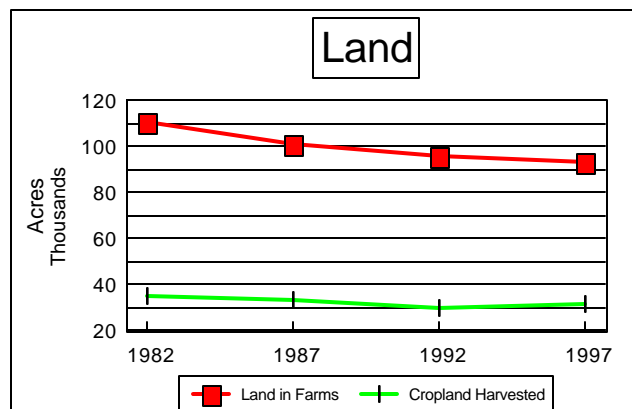
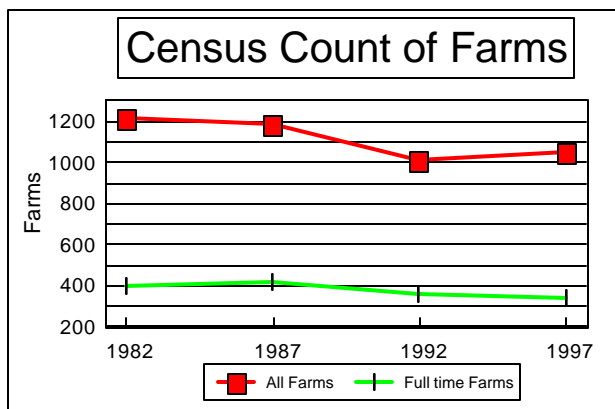
Increased 7 percent to \$18,568,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 3 percent from \$17,179 in 1992 to \$17,634 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	18,568	45	95	2,166	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	10,182	35	95	1,846	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,387	32	95	1,866	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	5,801	24	95	1,348	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,555	9	93	358	2,790
Dairy products	3,973	21	84	733	2,563
Tobacco	905	38	75	307	580
Corn for grain	580	39	94	1,520	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	15,147	26	95	1,238	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,100	59	94	1,781	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	230	18	88	1,653	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	181	20	95	409	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	40	82	1,270	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	32,061	20	95	1,058	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,596	15	95	329	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	658	60	94	1,775	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	572	45	94	1,576	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	455	7	91	1,459	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	24,578	22	95	831	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,145	39	95	1,502	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,915	47	83	1,426	2,144
Wheat-acres	1,392	29	87	1,558	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	1,254	19	88	922	2,473

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	841	758	11
\$10,000 or more	212	254	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,659	12,390	18
Average per farmdollars..	13,934	12,231	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,809	4,937	-3
Average per farmdollars..	4,571	4,874	-6
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	975	929	5
Partnership or corporation	76	81	-6
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	341	362	-6
Other	712	650	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	956	931	3
Female	97	81	20
Operators by race:			
White	1,045	1,009	4
Black and other races	8	3	167
Average age of operator	56.4	56.5	-0

(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.