

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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### Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 56,253 acres in 1992 to 48,977 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 18 percent from 176 acres in 1992 to 144 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 117 farms in 1992 to 114 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

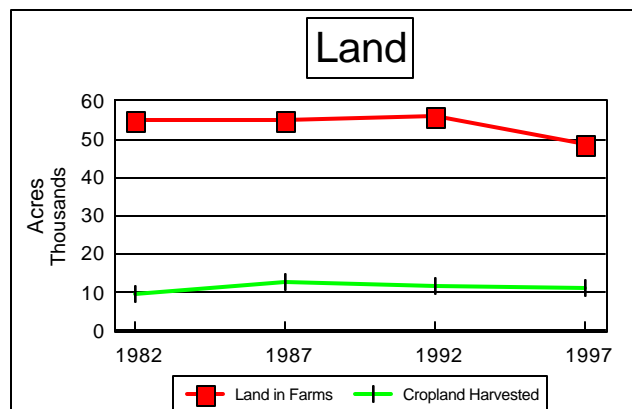
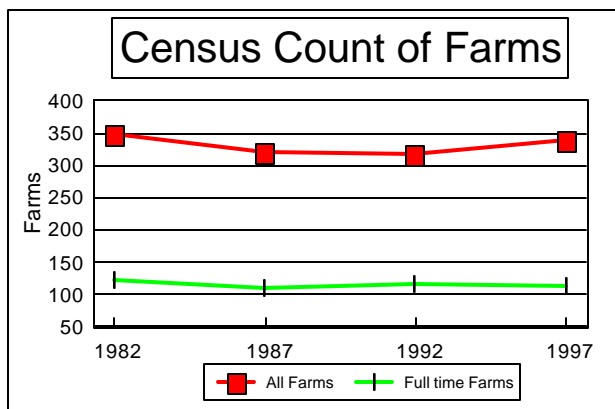
Decreased 5 percent to \$4,783,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 11 percent from \$15,797 in 1992 to \$14,110 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	4,783	85	95	2,776	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,023	66	95	2,462	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	760	90	95	2,789	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,525	57	95	1,987	3,063
Dairy products	1,341	41	84	1,265	2,563
Tobacco	383	52	75	358	580
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	139	87	95	2,545	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	79	73	93	2,102	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	6,945	56	95	1,895	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	82	94	2,382	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	168	24	95	458	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	56	82	1,740	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	72	75	2,101	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	11,128	67	95	2,043	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	345	75	95	2,060	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	77	94	2,229	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	210	78	94	2,283	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	182	17	84	871	2,588
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	9,973	62	95	1,732	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	838	28	88	1,144	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	333	69	83	1,792	2,144
Wheat-acres	306	53	87	2,038	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	298	83	95	2,185	2,691

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 .....	261	241	8
\$10,000 or more .....	78	78	
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	3,624	4,510	-20
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,722	14,139	-24
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	234	182	29
Average per farm .....dollars..	693	572	21
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	314	297	6
Partnership or corporation .....	25	22	14
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	114	117	-3
Other .....	225	202	11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	315	290	9
Female .....	24	29	-17
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	336	316	6
Black and other races .....	3	3	
Average age of operator .....	54.9	53.8	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.