

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 31,368 acres in 1992 to 32,122 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 125 acres in 1992 to 126 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 111 farms in 1992 to 89 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

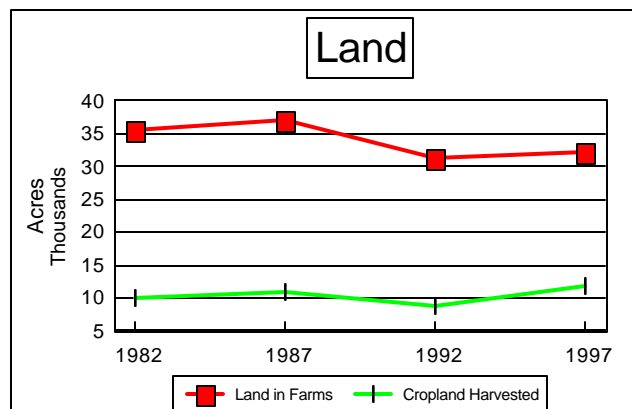
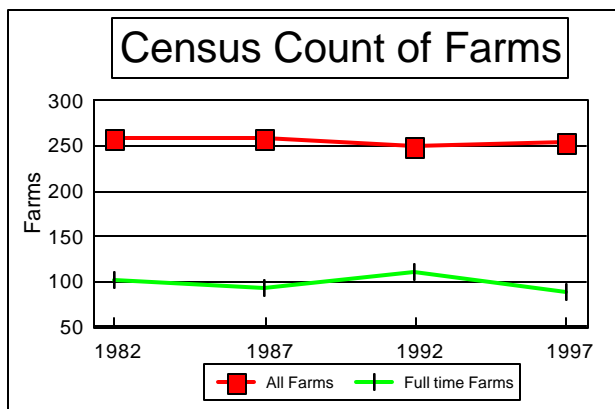
Increased 16 percent to \$22,149,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$75,844 in 1992 to \$86,858 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	22,149	36	95	2,022	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	20,035	13	95	1,250	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,114	76	95	2,494	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	14,273	7	93	362	2,901
Dairy products	4,630	17	84	668	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	26	93	968	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,007	92	95	2,539	3,063
Soybeans	470	43	83	1,334	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	7,883,250	5	54	214	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	80,631	9	82	515	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,879	92	95	2,500	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	66	94	1,949	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	15	88	1,634	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	888,017	6	85	251	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	93,254	8	94	443	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	8,402	84	95	2,290	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	749	26	94	816	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	67	94	1,970	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,608	83	95	2,078	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,451	43	83	1,364	2,144
Wheat-acres	1,521	28	87	1,529	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	986	26	88	1,066	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	815	64	95	1,921	2,691

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	183	160	14
\$10,000 or more	72	91	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,124	16,339	23
Average per farmdollars..	78,917	65,097	21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,610	2,749	-41
Average per farmdollars..	6,314	10,951	-42
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	236	225	5
Partnership or corporation	17	26	-35
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	89	111	-20
Other	166	140	19
Operators by sex:			
Male	234	236	-1
Female	21	15	40
Operators by race:			
White	255	251	2
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	55.1	54.6	1

(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.