

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 52,462 acres in 1992 to 56,049 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 152 acres in 1992 to 139 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 136 farms in 1992 to 144 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

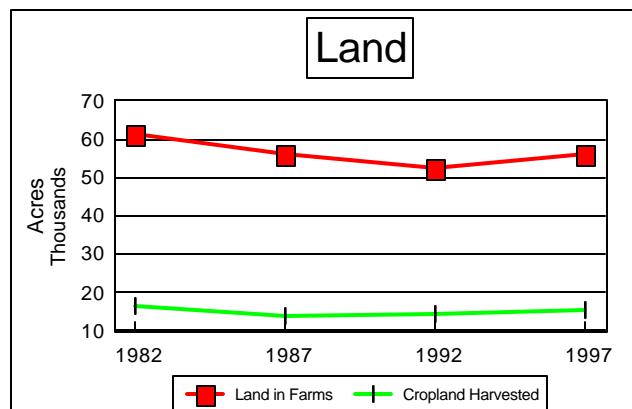
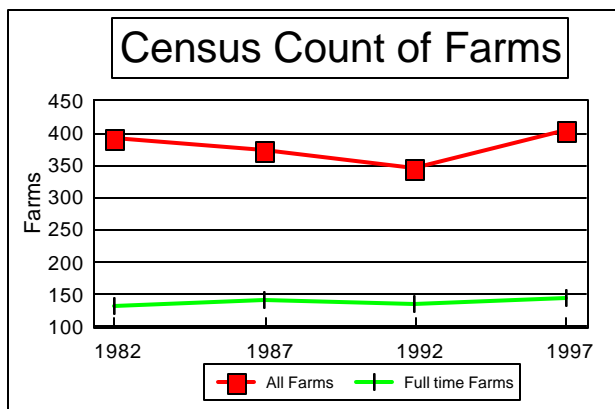
Decreased 4 percent to \$7,575,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 18 percent from \$22,855 in 1992 to \$18,751 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	7,575	72	95	2,634	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	3,889	58	95	2,252	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,687	67	95	2,494	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,796	7	92	287	2,739
Cattle and calves	2,477	59	95	2,006	3,063
Dairy products	958	48	84	1,436	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	5	89	567	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	293	55	95	2,087	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,573	60	95	1,937	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	13	75	609	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	58	94	1,779	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	51	88	2,241	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	27	47	961	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	20	94	788	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	11,293	66	95	2,032	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,262	15	94	595	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	768	56	94	1,708	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	233	86	95	2,465	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,392	56	95	1,580	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,551	48	95	1,719	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,169	5	92	412	2,741
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,123	55	83	1,564	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	275	52	88	1,702	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	298	234	27
\$10,000 or more	106	112	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,265	6,594	-5
Average per farmdollars..	15,546	19,004	-18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,142	1,506	-24
Average per farmdollars..	2,835	4,341	-35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	365	316	16
Partnership or corporation	39	30	30
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	144	136	6
Other	260	210	24
Operators by sex:			
Male	375	319	18
Female	29	27	7
Operators by race:			
White	403	345	17
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	56.1	53.4	5

(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.