

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



## RUTHERFORD TENNESSEE

### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 200,097 acres in 1992 to 195,295 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 141 acres in 1992 to 123 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 508 farms in 1992 to 518 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

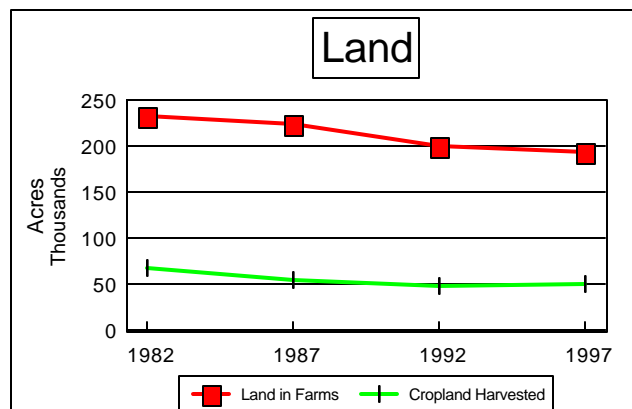
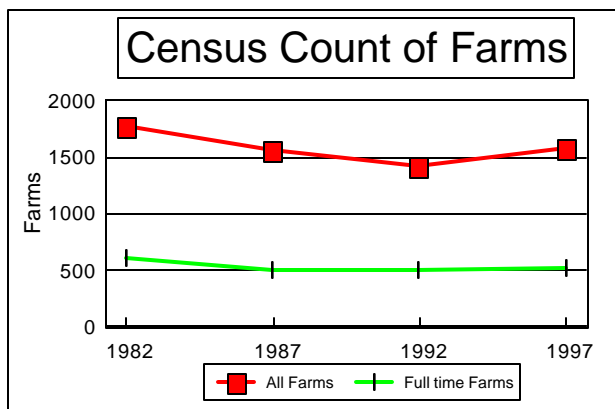
Decreased 6 percent to \$19,841,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 17 percent from \$14,940 in 1992 to \$12,471 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                   | 19,841   | 42    | 95        | 2,112 | 3,076     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 15,210   | 23    | 95        | 1,498 | 3,069     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 4,631    | 52    | 95        | 2,164 | 3,070     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves   | 7,862    | 17    | 95        | 1,105 | 3,063     |
| Dairy products  | 4,589    | 18    | 84        | 673   | 2,563     |
| Horses and ponies   | 1,435    | 3     | 95        | 68    | 3,015     |
| Soybeans  | 1,281    | 32    | 83        | 1,112 | 2,136     |
| Poultry & poultry products                                  | 1,041    | 28    | 93        | 956   | 2,901     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold                     | (D)      | 15    | 82        | 678   | 2,203     |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 22,305   | 13    | 95        | 881   | 3,063     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 1,985    | 50    | 94        | 1,558 | 2,976     |
| All goats sold  | 871      | 2     | 92        | 97    | 2,686     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | 697      | 22    | 75        | 856   | 2,200     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory                         | 72,314   | 10    | 94        | 497   | 3,002     |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 42,486   | 12    | 95        | 754   | 3,064     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 3,507    | 2     | 95        | 57    | 3,066     |
| All goat inventory  | 2,998    | 2     | 95        | 67    | 2,983     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | 998      | 20    | 94        | 695   | 2,884     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Hay crops-acres   | 36,420   | 11    | 95        | 499   | 3,061     |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 7,556    | 27    | 83        | 1,091 | 2,144     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 5,028    | 30    | 95        | 1,314 | 2,691     |
| Wheat-acres   | 2,068    | 26    | 87        | 1,414 | 2,612     |
| Corn for silage-acres                                       | 1,172    | 21    | 88        | 963   | 2,473     |

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 .....                       | 1,280  | 1,073  | 19             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 311    | 344    | -10            |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 20,721 | 18,064 | 15             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 13,016 | 12,748 | 2              |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 816    | 2,825  | -71            |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 512    | 1,994  | -74            |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 1,490  | 1,309  | 14             |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 90     | 101    | -11            |
| Other .....                                    | 11     | 7      | 57             |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 518    | 508    | 2              |
| Other .....                                    | 1,073  | 909    | 18             |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 1,449  | 1,292  | 12             |
| Female .....                                   | 142    | 125    | 14             |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 1,552  | 1,377  | 13             |
| Black and other races .....                    | 39     | 40     | -3             |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 56.1   | 55.8   | 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.