

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 144,953 acres in 1992 to 128,132 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 21 percent from 238 acres in 1992 to 188 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 213 farms in 1992 to 219 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

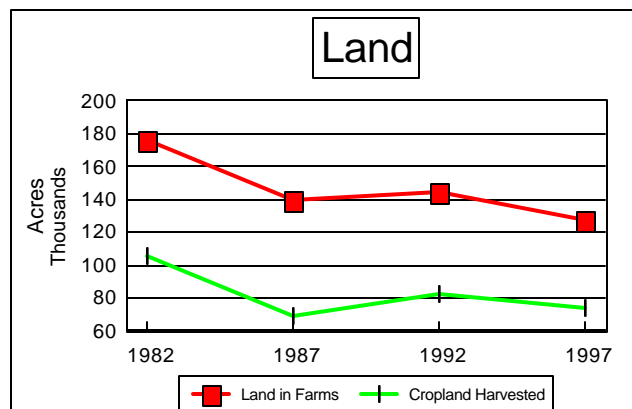
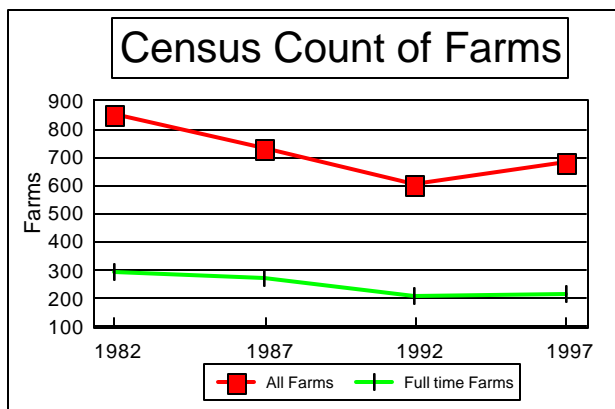
Increased 3 percent to \$29,103,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 8 percent from \$46,477 in 1992 to \$42,611 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	29,103	28	95	1,760	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	26,652	13	95	1,043	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,451	81	95	2,660	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	9,970	9	83	540	2,136
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,596	4	93	251	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	5,046	10	26	240	709
Cattle and calves	1,678	81	95	2,276	3,063
Corn for grain	1,440	27	94	1,220	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	4,521	80	95	2,237	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	3	88	854	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	23	75	884	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	568	70	94	2,009	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	29	82	1,059	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,628	83	95	2,269	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,512	5	95	134	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	414	36	94	1,109	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	389	60	94	1,882	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	335	68	94	2,032	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	46,610	9	83	539	2,144
Hay crops-acres	9,387	66	95	1,774	3,061
Cotton-acres	9,167	12	26	267	713
Wheat-acres	6,427	14	87	941	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	4,521	31	95	1,360	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 .....	528	447	18
\$10,000 or more .....	155	162	-4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	21,362	22,807	-6
Average per farm .....dollars..	31,231	37,449	-17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	7,274	5,248	39
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,634	8,617	23
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	587	515	14
Partnership or corporation .....	85	82	4
Other .....	11	12	-8
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	219	213	3
Other .....	464	396	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	580	555	5
Female .....	103	54	91
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	632	558	13
Black and other races .....	51	51	
Average age of operator .....	56.9	55.2	3

(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.