

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



## UNION TENNESSEE

### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 49,452 acres in 1992 to 51,290 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 91 acres in 1992 to 94 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 235 farms in 1992 to 181 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

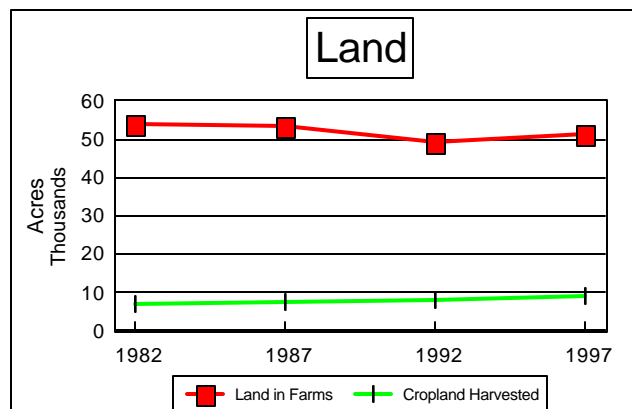
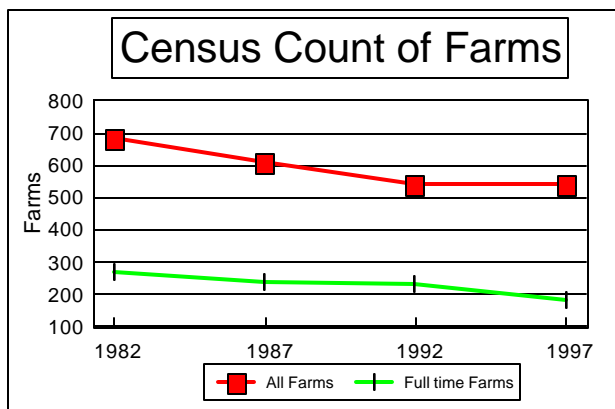
Decreased 29 percent to \$3,842,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 29 percent from \$9,973 in 1992 to \$7,063 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	3,842	90	95	2,828	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,158	85	95	2,704	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,685	82	95	2,566	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,952	72	95	2,181	3,063
Tobacco	1,422	34	75	283	580
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	194	74	95	2,382	3,043
Dairy products	105	70	84	2,238	2,563
Horses and ponies	67	65	95	1,724	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	5,386	73	95	2,109	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	166	25	88	1,810	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	81	85	94	2,611	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	65	62	95	1,364	3,015
All goats sold	26	74	92	1,853	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,575	71	95	2,095	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	725	38	94	1,391	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	358	74	95	2,009	3,066
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	256	14	91	638	2,549
Sheep and lamb inventory	96	48	91	2,183	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	8,596	69	95	1,845	3,061
Tobacco-acres	594	29	75	249	583
Corn for grain-acres	52	92	95	2,446	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	79	88	2,222	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	15	66	93	1,996	2,693

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 .....	448	401	12
\$10,000 or more .....	96	140	-31
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	3,473	3,171	10
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,384	5,861	9
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	503	1,954	-74
Average per farm .....dollars..	925	3,612	-74
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	485	483	0
Partnership or corporation .....	55	56	-2
Other .....	4	2	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	181	235	-23
Other .....	363	306	19
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	498	482	3
Female .....	46	59	-22
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	544	541	1
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	55.8	55.7	0

(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.