

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



VAN BUREN TENNESSEE

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 32,892 acres in 1992 to 31,675 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 157 acres in 1992 to 139 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 83 farms in 1992 to 86 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

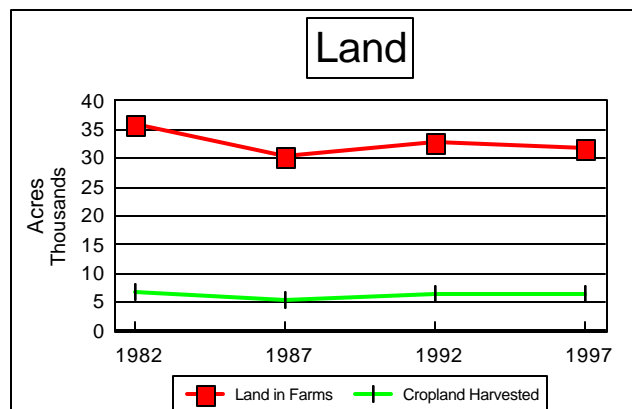
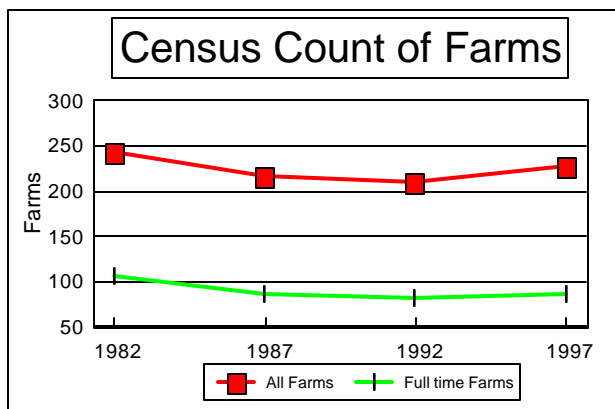
Decreased 30 percent to \$2,847,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 35 percent from \$19,344 in 1992 to \$12,488 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	2,847	92	95	2,898	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,225	82	95	2,690	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	622	93	95	2,831	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,366	87	95	2,389	3,063
Dairy products	806	50	84	1,514	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	391	44	93	1,445	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	123	90	95	2,597	3,043
Tobacco	78	64	75	437	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,700	87	95	2,363	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	639	68	94	1,969	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	70	92	1,678	2,686
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	45	54	1,726	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	8	93	95	2,791	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,876	85	95	2,333	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	74	94	2,164	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	190	59	94	1,610	2,884
All goat inventory	185	64	95	1,231	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	173	92	95	2,660	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,027	85	95	2,145	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	230	87	95	2,222	2,691
All nursery-acres	193	24	90	926	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	181	62	88	1,855	2,473
Tobacco-acres	33	64	75	428	583

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	160	135	19
\$10,000 or more	68	75	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,493	2,565	-3
Average per farmdollars..	10,932	12,156	-10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	434	847	-49
Average per farmdollars..	1,905	4,014	-53
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	204	186	10
Partnership or corporation	24	23	4
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	86	83	4
Other	142	127	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	211	191	10
Female	17	19	-11
Operators by race:			
White	227	210	8
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	55.3	54.9	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.