

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 117,608 acres in 1992 to 119,670 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 63 acres in 1992 to 66 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 737 farms in 1992 to 651 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

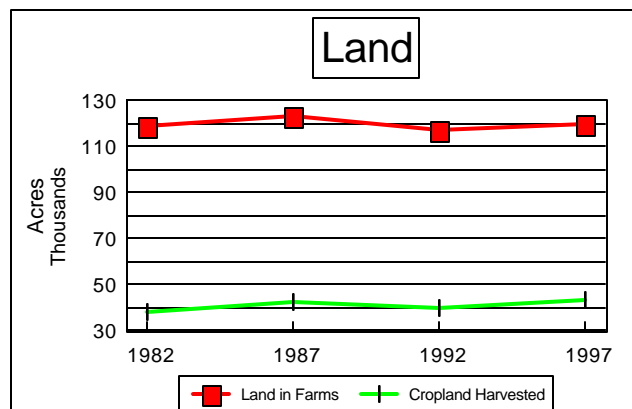
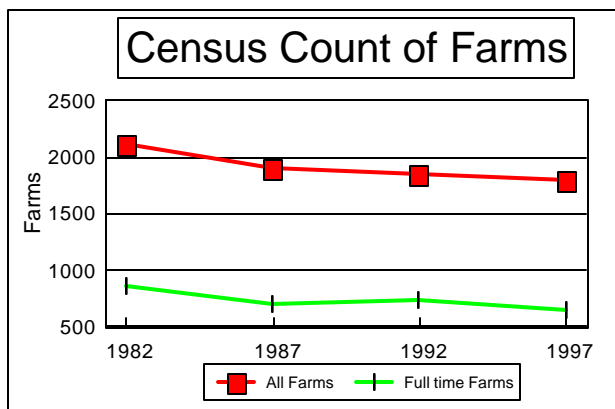
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 3 percent from \$24,126 in 1992 to \$24,760 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	44,742	17	95	1,317	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	24,671	14	95	1,107	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	20,071	12	95	1,248	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	12,373	1	92	93	2,739
Tobacco	9,477	6	75	96	580
Dairy products	9,384	4	84	393	2,563
Cattle and calves	9,262	11	95	963	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,015	27	93	970	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	23	54	507	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	24,686	9	95	783	3,063
All goats sold	549	6	92	165	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	396	7	88	1,376	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	248	30	75	1,114	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	22	85	508	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	53,186	5	95	550	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,464	18	95	391	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	780	37	94	1,344	3,002
All goat inventory	753	25	95	276	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	35,672	12	95	519	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,538	1	88	332	2,473
Tobacco-acres	3,037	5	75	90	583
Corn for grain-acres	1,417	50	95	1,745	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,327	4	92	381	2,741

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	1,308	1,207	8
\$10,000 or more	499	649	-23
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,658	32,149	8
Average per farmdollars..	19,190	17,331	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,337	12,169	-23
Average per farmdollars..	5,170	6,560	-21
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,644	1,653	-1
Partnership or corporation	160	199	-20
Other	3	4	-25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	651	737	-12
Other	1,156	1,119	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,626	1,681	-3
Female	181	175	3
Operators by race:			
White	1,800	1,853	-3
Black and other races	7	3	133
Average age of operator	56.4	55.6	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.