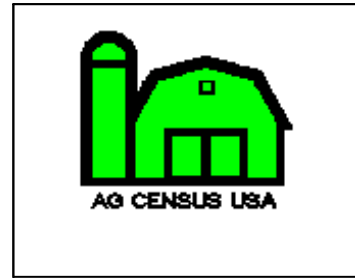


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Land in farms

Decreased 36 percent from 463,450 acres in 1992 to 298,493 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 44 percent from 658 acres in 1992 to 366 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 277 farms in 1992 to 311 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

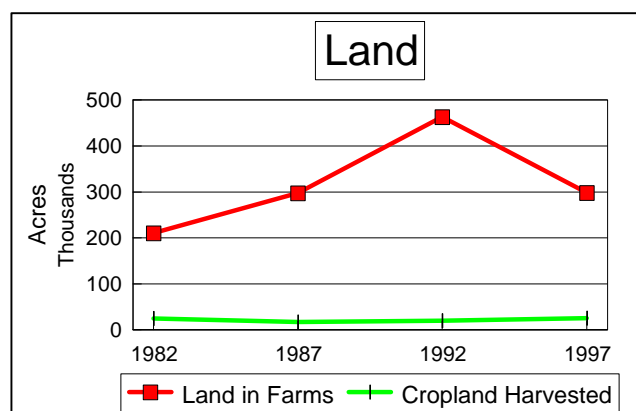
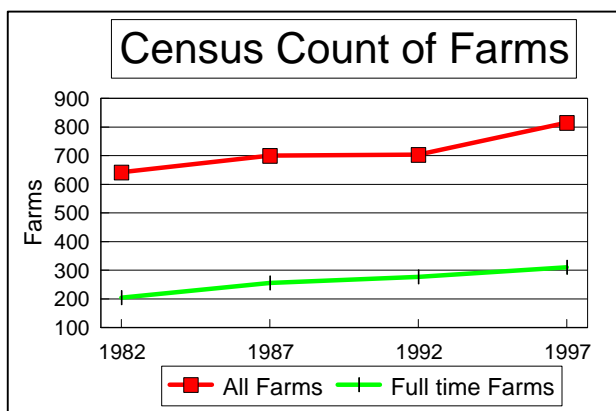
Decreased 25 percent to \$10,759,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 35 percent from \$20,271 in 1992 to \$13,185 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	10,759	206	254	2,466	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	6,323	200	254	2,210	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,436	157	252	2,183	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	5,228	193	254	1,438	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,884	45	189	718	2,790
Corn for grain	1,176	60	160	1,288	2,582
Grain sorghum	485	94	208	320	1,275
Horses and ponies	408	41	254	360	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	12,056	195	254	1,437	3,063
All goats sold	3,741	29	243	32	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	1,428	54	235	623	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	563	111	242	2,011	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	383	55	146	1,106	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	27,541	177	254	1,215	3,064
All goat inventory	9,140	33	247	38	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,300	53	244	482	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,269	58	254	521	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	858	74	245	1,283	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,363	136	253	1,775	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	5,382	60	178	1,291	2,691
Sorghum for grain-acres	5,230	96	219	284	1,508
Wheat-acres	4,375	113	211	1,124	2,612
Oats-acres	962	36	185	665	2,332

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	669	547	22
\$10,000 or more	147	157	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,285	13,366	-16
Average per farmdollars..	13,829	18,986	-27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(1,452)	379	-483
Average per farmdollars..	(1,779)	539	-430
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	728	632	15
Partnership or corporation	80	64	25
Other	8	8	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	311	277	12
Other	505	427	18
Operators by sex:			
Male	682	608	12
Female	134	96	40
Operators by race:			
White	799	692	15
Black and other races	17	12	42
Average age of operator	58.3	58.5	-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.