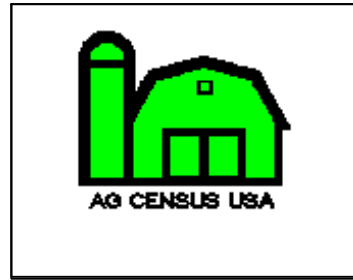


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Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 442,173 acres in 1992 to 421,287 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 643 acres in 1992 to 614 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 339 farms in 1992 to 305 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

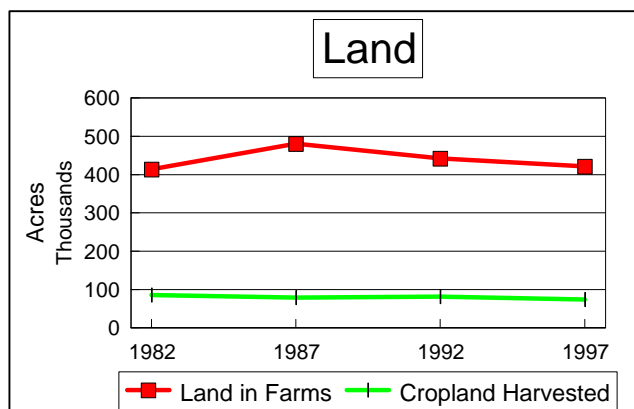
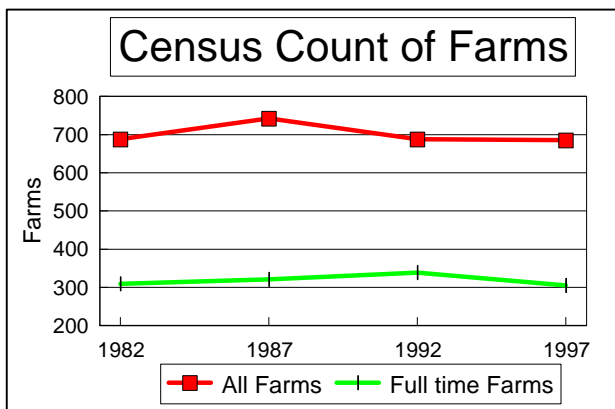
Increased 43 percent to \$27,688,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 43 percent from \$28,233 in 1992 to \$40,361 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	27,688	127	254	1,822	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	17,521	114	254	1,377	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,166	105	252	1,740	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	17,237	76	254	500	3,063
Grain sorghum	5,262	24	208	64	1,275
Corn for grain	3,261	35	160	948	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	806	98	177	420	709
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	410	139	250	1,792	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	34,404	96	254	525	3,063
All goats sold	476	95	243	201	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	61	123	674	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	137	182	242	2,497	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	101	97	254	911	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	50,453	110	254	600	3,064
All goat inventory	1,149	93	247	176	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	955	91	254	797	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	426	115	245	1,812	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	308	133	223	1,285	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sorghum for grain-acres	34,523	27	219	70	1,508
Hay crops-acres	16,759	92	253	1,209	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	14,738	32	178	924	2,691
Cotton-acres	2,702	102	178	392	713
Wheat-acres	2,109	129	211	1,409	2,612

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	490	414	18
\$10,000 or more	196	274	-28
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,323	16,345	24
Average per farmdollars..	29,625	23,757	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,741	1,523	343
Average per farmdollars..	9,826	2,214	344
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	576	579	-1
Partnership or corporation	100	99	1
Other	10	10	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	305	339	-10
Other	381	349	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	590	603	-2
Female	96	85	13
Operators by race:			
White	642	661	-3
Black and other races	44	27	63
Average age of operator	58.1	56.6	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.