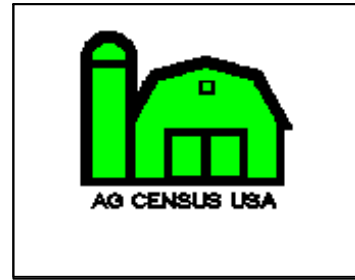


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### Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 371,257 acres in 1992 to 381,412 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 655 acres in 1992 to 618 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 274 farms in 1992 to 280 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

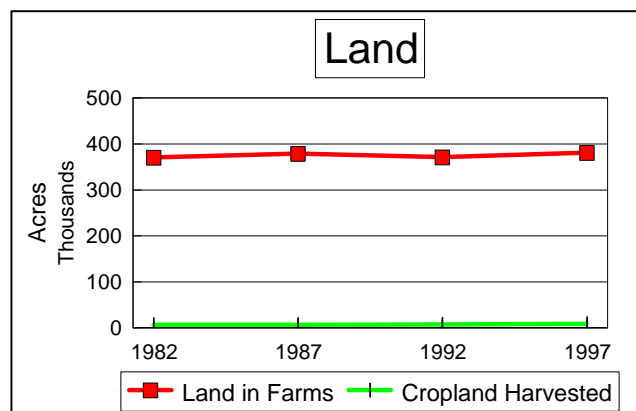
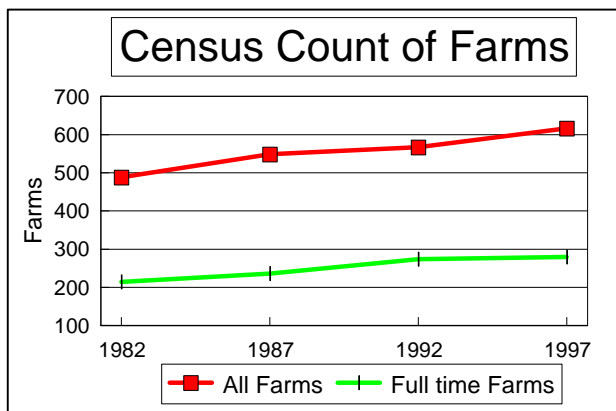
Decreased 11 percent to \$13,007,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 0 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 0 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 19 percent from \$25,898 in 1992 to \$21,081 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	13,007	191	254	2,381	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	(D)	182	254	2,021	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	(D)	150	252	2,144	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	4,446	201	254	1,549	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	28	189	434	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	2,085	41	222	789	2,901
Dairy products	600	83	176	1,654	2,563
Sheep, lambs, and wool	(D)	32	238	246	2,787
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	201,856	13	85	195	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	11,542	198	254	1,486	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	5,203	33	235	229	2,765
All goats sold	4,048	26	243	29	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	1,167	80	242	1,763	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	24,146	189	254	1,357	3,064
All goat inventory	10,578	28	247	32	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	8,970	31	244	163	2,864
All turkeys inventory	(D)	16	171	328	2,361
Horse and pony inventory	938	93	254	814	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	8,377	144	253	1,869	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	344	104	236	574	2,693
Oats-acres	133	118	185	1,560	2,332
Wheat-acres	83	200	211	2,350	2,612
All nursery-acres	32	94	167	1,686	2,619

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 .....	461	406	14
\$10,000 or more .....	156	161	-3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	11,388	13,493	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,457	23,840	-23
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,398	986	42
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,266	1,742	30
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	544	496	10
Partnership or corporation .....	69	69	
Other .....	4	2	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	280	274	2
Other .....	337	293	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	522	490	7
Female .....	95	77	23
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	612	563	9
Black and other races .....	5	4	25
Average age of operator .....	59.8	59.0	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.