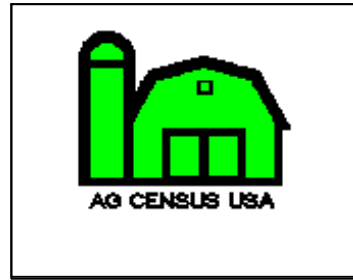


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Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 443,224 acres in 1992 to 438,242 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 819 acres in 1992 to 770 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 305 farms in 1992 to 282 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

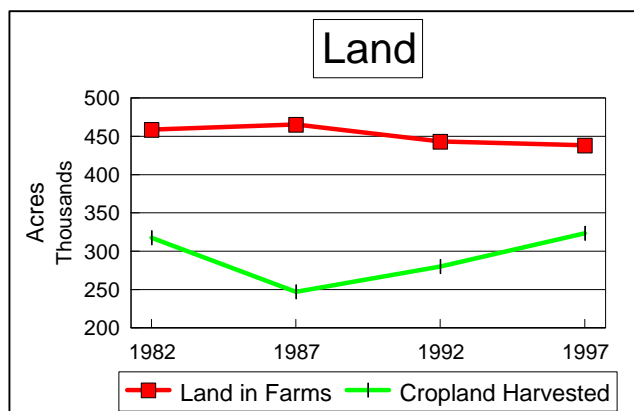
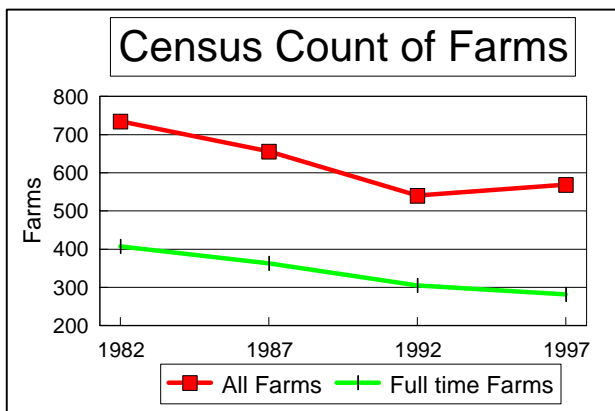
Increased 44 percent to \$66,254,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 37 percent from \$84,889 in 1992 to \$116,440 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	66,254	49	254	881	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	63,110	18	252	378	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,145	236	254	2,575	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	30,053	13	177	44	709
Grain sorghum	28,242	1	208	1	1,275
Corn for grain	3,739	33	160	908	2,582
Cattle and calves	2,406	229	254	2,022	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	77	189	1,336	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,272	230	254	1,969	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	37	180	558	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,536	67	242	1,659	2,976
All goats sold	183	150	243	522	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	142	140	235	1,871	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	14,504	223	254	1,832	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	44	223	409	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,009	63	246	1,601	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	660	133	254	1,217	3,066
All goat inventory	354	162	247	683	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sorghum for grain-acres	193,661	1	219	1	1,508
Cotton-acres	100,597	15	178	24	713
Corn for grain-acres	17,241	29	178	868	2,691
Hay crops-acres	10,121	134	253	1,709	3,061
Wheat-acres	1,715	139	211	1,489	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	291	219	33
\$10,000 or more	278	322	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	47,511	40,241	18
Average per farmdollars..	83,499	74,382	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	16,783	4,360	285
Average per farmdollars..	29,496	8,059	266
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	461	417	11
Partnership or corporation	101	118	-14
Other	7	6	17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	282	305	-8
Other	287	236	22
Operators by sex:			
Male	521	488	7
Female	48	53	-9
Operators by race:			
White	532	522	2
Black and other races	37	19	95
Average age of operator	55.6	56.1	-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.