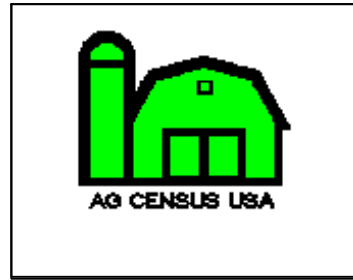


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### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 141,215 acres in 1992 to 135,988 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 274 acres in 1992 to 247 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 207 farms in 1992 to 189 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

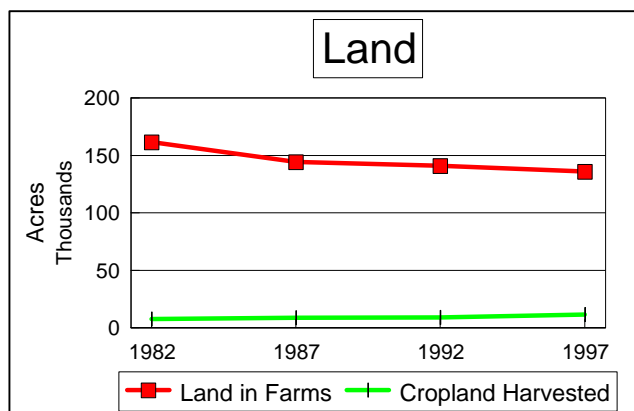
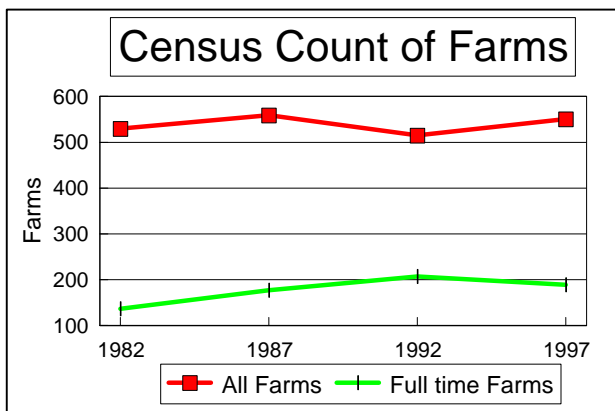
Decreased 26 percent to \$4,461,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 31 percent from \$11,672 in 1992 to \$8,097 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	4,461	238	254	2,794	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,017	225	254	2,463	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	444	232	252	2,893	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,534	219	254	1,742	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	344	153	250	1,967	3,043
Hogs and pigs	(D)	55	242	1,601	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	128	68	222	1,304	2,901
Horses and ponies	88	138	254	1,474	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	10,905	204	254	1,536	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,979	43	180	605	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	60	242	1,613	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	47	146	992	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold	671	28	123	278	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	22,056	194	254	1,445	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,470	40	223	390	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,635	52	245	1,009	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	963	65	246	1,626	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	594	141	254	1,350	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	11,538	119	253	1,562	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	83	165	236	1,143	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	67	115	206	1,427	2,741
All nursery-acres	(D)	102	167	1,827	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	(D)	35	95	755	1,965

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 .....	439	380	16
\$10,000 or more .....	112	135	-17
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	5,325	5,163	3
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,665	9,986	-3
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(1,986)	336	-691
Average per farm .....dollars..	(3,605)	650	-655
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	518	471	10
Partnership or corporation .....	27	43	-37
Other .....	6	1	500
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	189	207	-9
Other .....	362	308	18
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	499	472	6
Female .....	52	43	21
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	524	502	4
Black and other races .....	27	13	108
Average age of operator .....	56.6	56.6	

(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.