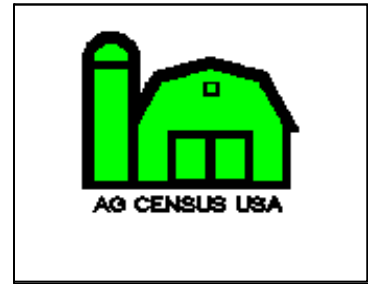


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Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 430,736 acres in 1992 to 458,111 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 423 acres in 1992 to 423 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 410 farms in 1992 to 427 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

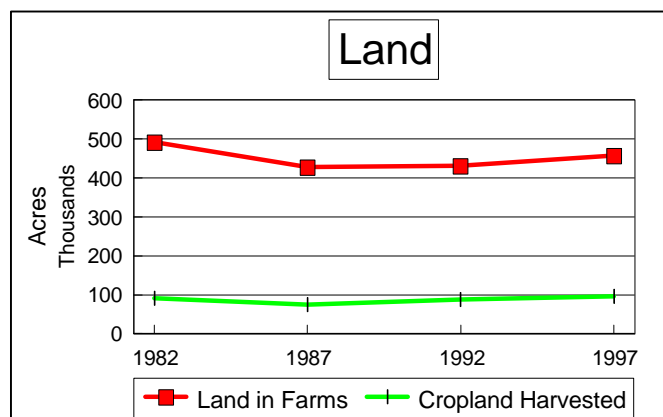
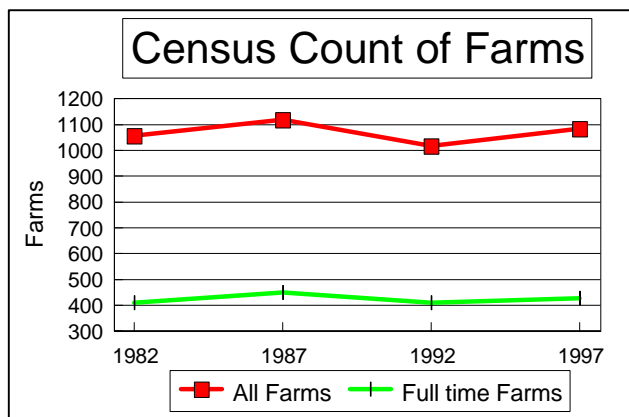
Increased 14 percent to \$28,638,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 7 percent from \$24,741 in 1992 to \$26,419 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	28,638	122	254	1,786	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,139	72	252	1,388	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,499	154	254	1,751	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	10,909	129	254	832	3,063
Grain sorghum	5,113	25	208	66	1,275
Corn for grain	4,088	31	160	876	2,582
Cotton, cottonseed	2,996	70	177	296	709
Soybeans	2,395	9	119	936	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	29,362	116	254	654	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	24	180	413	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	8	123	92	1,593
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	42	115	985	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	671	104	242	1,943	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	60,343	87	254	450	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	960	90	254	791	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	653	93	245	1,467	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	571	115	223	956	2,884
All goat inventory	453	148	247	531	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Sorghum for grain-acres	34,288	28	219	73	1,508
Corn for grain-acres	21,507	24	178	791	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	14,594	9	119	888	2,144
Hay crops-acres	13,119	109	253	1,421	3,061
Cotton-acres	7,956	74	178	281	713

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	781	695	12
\$10,000 or more	303	323	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,973	21,797	19
Average per farmdollars..	23,960	21,412	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,105	2,540	101
Average per farmdollars..	4,709	2,495	89
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	960	895	7
Partnership or corporation	118	116	2
Other	6	7	-14
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	427	410	4
Other	657	608	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	973	903	8
Female	111	115	-3
Operators by race:			
White	1,043	991	5
Black and other races	41	27	52
Average age of operator	56.7	56.0	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.